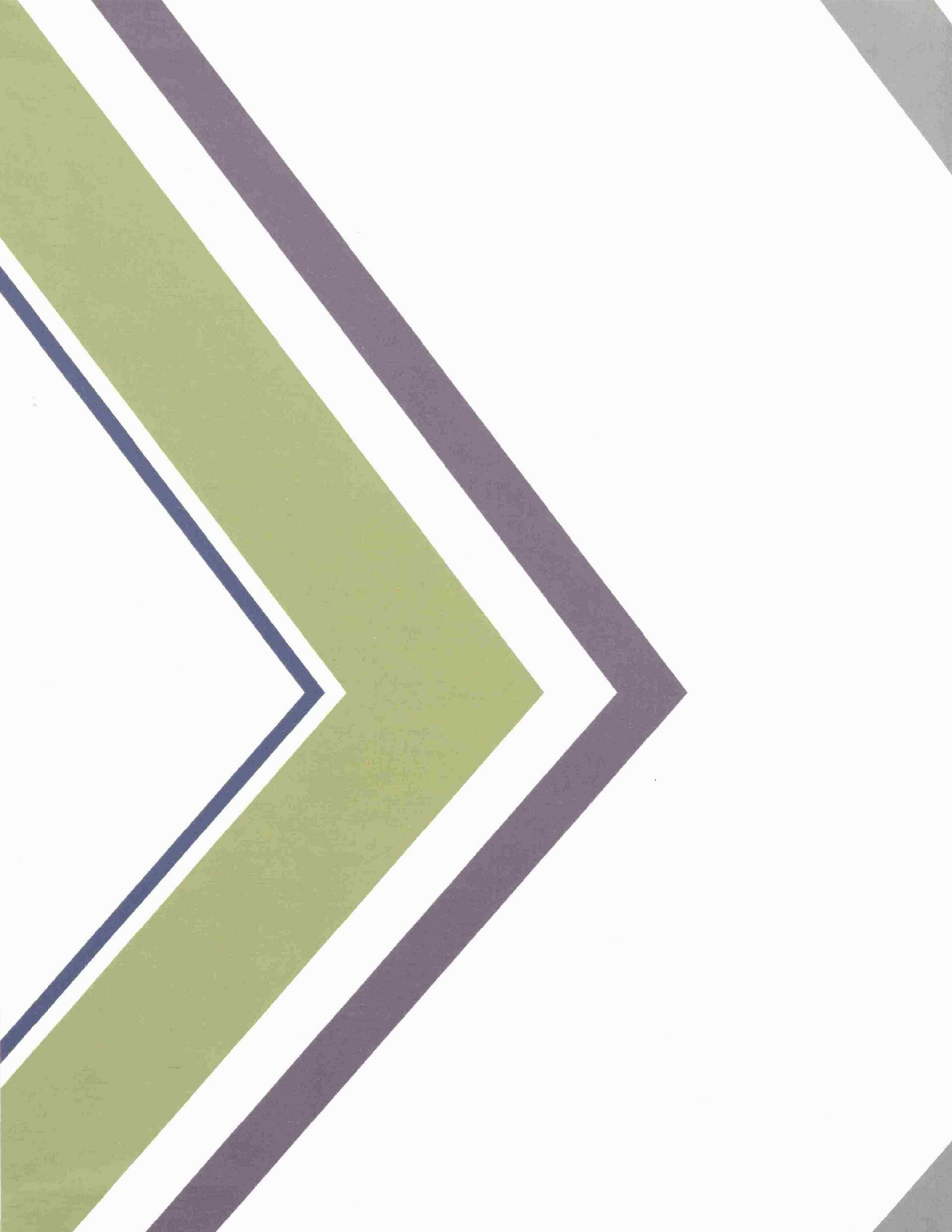




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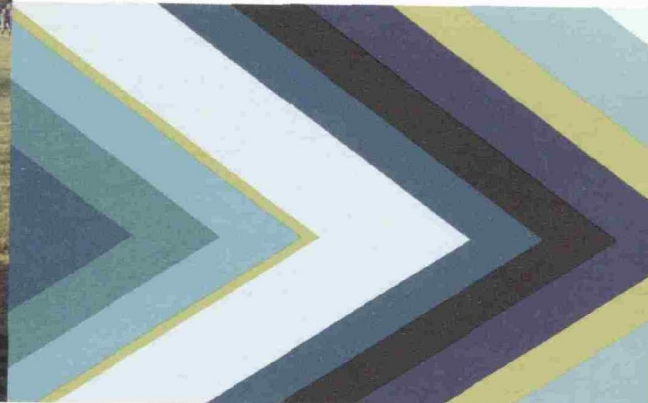
Principal: Dr. Patrick Weil  
Assistant Principals: Mr. William Madura  
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**Trojan Pride** Taking pride in our school is standard procedure. Whether in blue and gold, costumes, or all pink the Trojans arrive in the stands ready to cheer. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

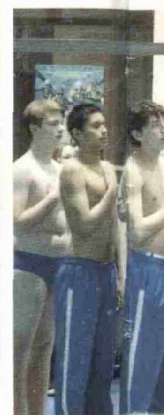


**Cheer is Life** Meagan Scott (11) encourages her classmates to cheer on the Trojans at the fall pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**T-TRO-TROJANS** With pride bursting from the seams, this group of seniors arrive on the scene of the first football game of the year to support their school. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







# Take It All IN

## It's Your Experience

All the moments and events that takes place during the 2015-2016 school year are occasions that define us all. From dances to drama productions and blood drives to fundraisers, we use these moments to shape our lives. The big sectional game that the team wanted to win but came up short became a stepping stone for each player to evaluate and learn from. The standing ovation for a theatrical performance brought tears to the eyes of cast and crew members for a job well done. Over all, these are our experiences to live through and

learn from. Each of us should take our experiences, good or bad, and use them to guide our lives. The daily, dreaded homework might not be the experience we are looking for, but valuable characteristics such as responsibility and dedication that hold us accountable are traits that are needed in whatever path comes after high school. So for now, take a deep breath, prepare for the journey, and take it all in. Take in all that life has to offer in our high school years. Take in the lessons that this place and our friends and teachers bring to our lives.







### Packed from the Front to the Back

Football season brought Trojans of all grades to fill the student section in a loud and triumphant way. Photo Credit: John O'Connor

**Teamwork** Through the activity day, the Class of 2019 were able to set differences aside to share territory with each other. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Pride and Respect** The boys swim team pays honor and respect to our country during the playing of our National Anthem at a home swim meet against Valparaiso. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

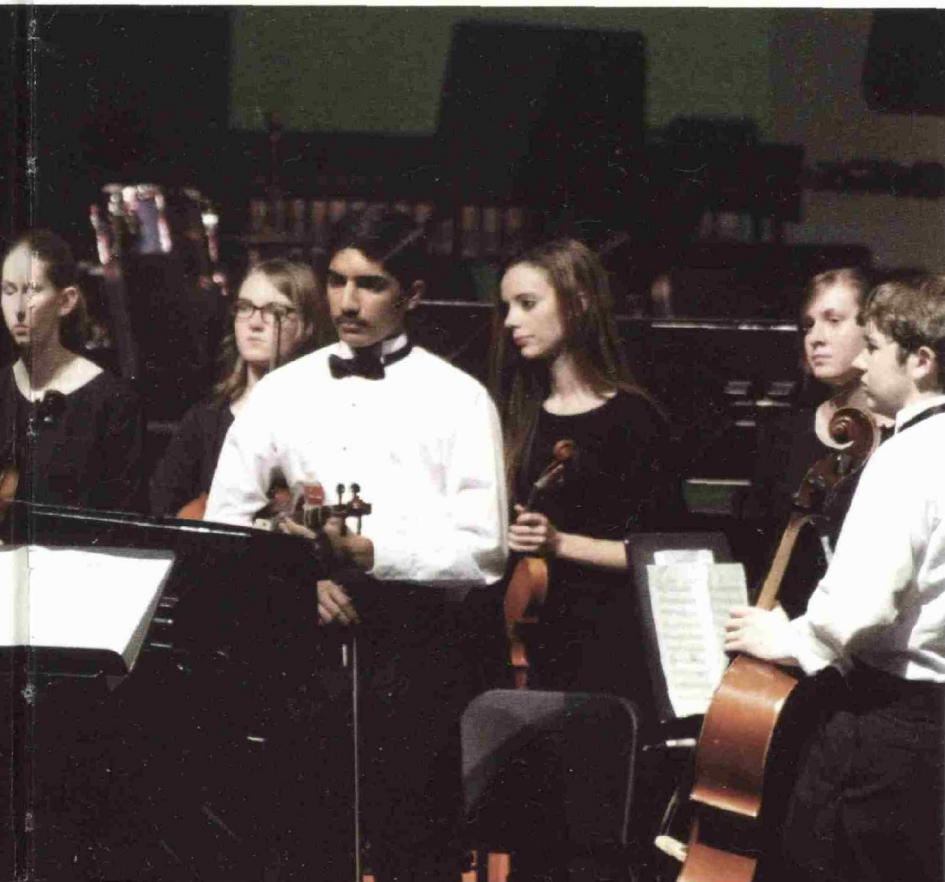
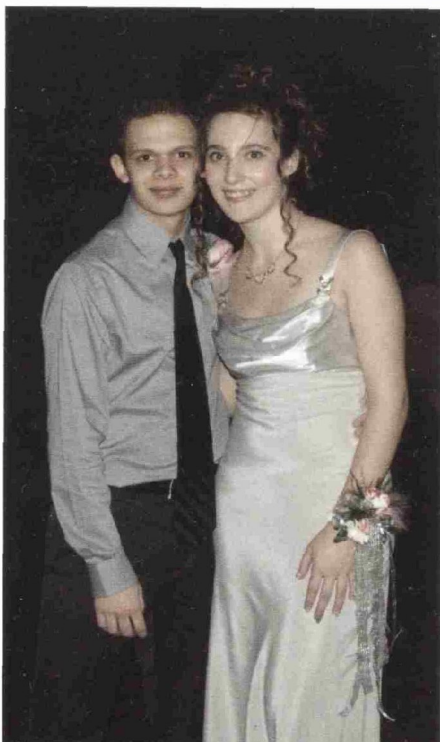
**True Friendship** The joy that friendships bring throughout our high school years bring many moments you can take in with a counterpart at your side. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**50 Yard Line** Playing her tenor saxophone, Stephanie Sprague (12) along with the Marching Trojan Pride kick off the first football game of the year with the school song. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Not Afraid to Dance** Dylan Wolfe (9) never let fear get in the way of making friends and trying new things. He enjoyed his first high school dance with date, Margaret Hanvey (9). Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Musically Talented** The Camerata Orchestra breaks for a round of applause from the audience during their winter concert. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Support the Fight** The annual Coaches vs. Cancer games allowed students of all groups to show support to Hoop for a Cure while raising money for the American Cancer Society. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



It's All Yours





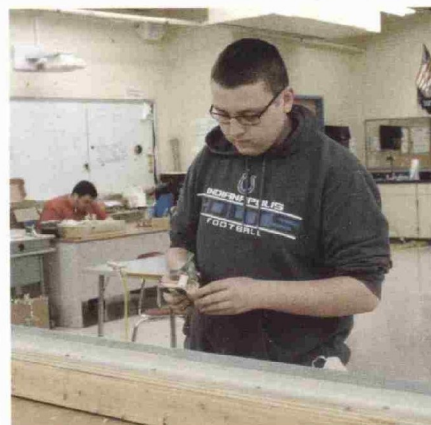
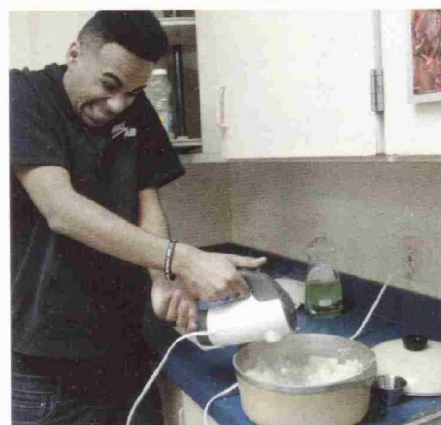
# INtroductions

## Who we are and what we represent

**Multi-tasker** Logan Juran (9) shows dedication on a Friday night. After school he had swim practice and then headed to the varsity girls game to play with the pep band. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Push Towards Success** Mark Alvarado (9) pushes Paige Fanning (9) with determination to excel. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



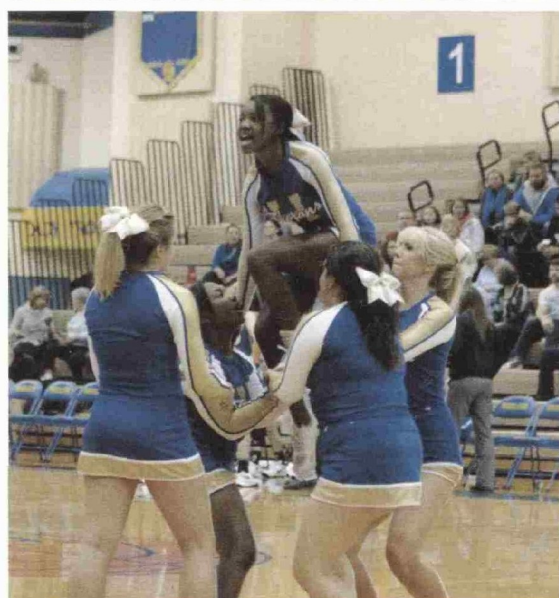
**Stand Up** Rachel Hernandez (11) beams with school pride while cheering on the Lady Trojans. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Face of School Pride** Jamaine Callion (12) takes in the excitement of drawing closer to Andrean. The Trojans rose above the Niners for the first time in fifteen seasons. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Mixing** Students learn that cooking can be easy and fun with the skills they learn in Intro to Culinary. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley  
**Interested** Garrett Bryak (10) has an interest in automotive design, and was able to receive hands on training when designing his own magnetic levitating vehicle. Credit: Mia Kinley  
**Tailgate** The sunshine allowed students such as Rylee Flavin (9) and John Harrington (9) to spend time with friends at the first event of the year. Photo Credit: John O'Connor





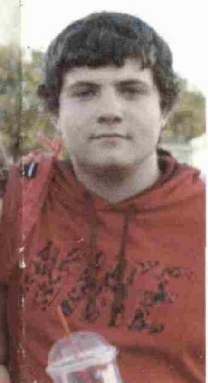


**Endurance** Building up his strength to swim his best for his team, Cristian Zendejas (11) gets off the blocks with the intent to gain a victory. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Student Section** A large group of students fill the stands at the home opener in a mass mix of blue & gold. Photo Credit: John O'Connor

**Lift Her Up** Jade Wright (12) prepares to be raised up by her support system of bases and spots. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**I am a Trojan. Mediocrity doesn't live within. The opportunity arose for me to represent the school and town, and I had to carry the hammer. Being a Trojan is air to the lungs, and my effort needs to be an infinitive percentage. I am tenacious because of my pride and I want to pass that down to those to come.**

**JAMAINE CALLION**



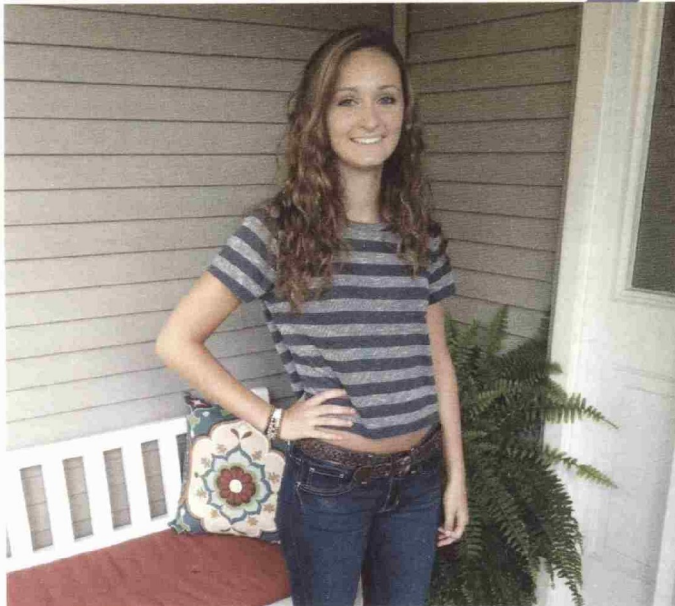




**Long Time Friends** Both Austin Andreatta (11) and Troy Jank (12) were happy to see the school year begin so they could spend time with their friends. Photo Credit: Faith DuVall

**Last First Day** Casey Olah (12) smiles as she heads off to begin her senior year. Photo Provided by: Casey Olah

**Freshmen Start Together** Ready to start high school, some members of the Class of 2019 meet before school for some photos with props. Photo Provided by Makenzie Marwitz



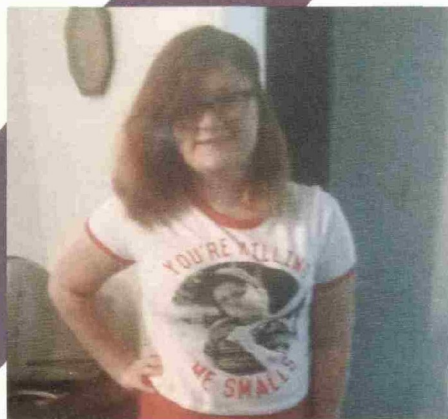


# Take It All IN

Point of View By Ryan Moskalick

Take it all in. The second we walk through the doors of Highland High School, all we want to do is leave. In one way or another, we've all learned that high school is nothing like the movies. There are no spontaneous musical numbers, nor are there any evil plastic beauty queens that only wear pink on Wednesdays. Once we step through those front doors, our image of the high school experience is shattered and we are thrust into a world where we spend most of our time either doing our homework or hopelessly avoiding it. The closest thing to a High School Musical dance number that we have is the stampede of students racing to the cafeteria when there is chicken bowl for lunch. And the closest thing to the lunch table where the plastics sit at in Mean Girls in the Highland High School cafeteria is the Administration Table. So no, Highland High School is nothing like any high school you've seen on the big screen, but that is because every student experiences their own version of the Highland High School experience. Each and every kid that has ever been pushed aside in the infamous Highland High School tri-hallway passing period frenzy is the star of their own cliché high school blockbuster. You do not have to be the quarterback of the football team nor the head cheerleader to have a decent high school experience. The only way to have an amazing high school experience is to have a high school experience. After all, all anyone at Highland High wants to do is survive the four years we are forced to spend trapped inside these brick walls. So take it all in. But whatever you decide to take in is completely up to you. Take in all the times you laughed, cried, or fell asleep during your four years here, because at the end of Highland High School's cheesy 80's movie, we all realize that each of us is a brain, an athlete, a basket case, a princess and a criminal. But most of all, each of us is a Trojan.

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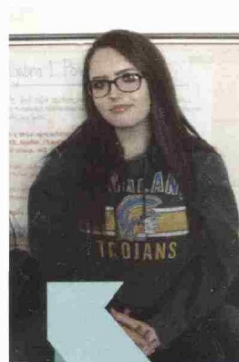


**Belonging** Starting the school year off as a sophomore brought a feeling of comfort to Shelby Noble (10) because she was able to understand the hierarchy of the student population. Photo Provided by Noble

**Starting Off With Smiles** Twins Sarah Elrod (10) and Grace Elrod (10) are ready to start their sophomore year off right. Photo Provided by Sarah Elrod



## what they HAD TO SAY!!



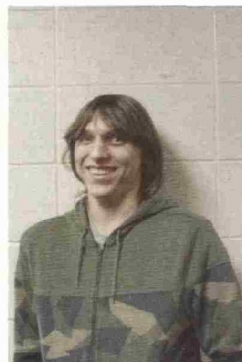
"I was very upset to come back to school because I couldn't sleep in any longer and I was not excited to be around people that I do not care for."

ALEECIA  
WOOTEN

## HE SAID

"I was excited to come back to school because I was able to get away from my younger siblings. They bickered all summer over little things, and I'm glad I can now get away to school."

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DENISIUK



## HE SAID





Mrs. K. Anderson  
Paraprofessional



Mrs. K. Angotti  
Receptionist



Mrs. M. Arroyo  
English



Ms. C. Auburn  
English



Mrs. E. Bachinski  
Physical Education



Mr. E. Beard  
English



Mr. D. Bedka  
Social Studies



Mr. A. Belli  
Science



Mr. B. Blocker  
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Science



Miss M. Cioffi  
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Principal's Secretary



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Mr. P. Dorsuleski  
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Mrs. C. Dorsuleski  
English

## TOP TEN TEACHERS

1. Mr. Bedka

2. Mr. Krincic

3. Mr. Steenson

4. Mr. Spiegel

5. Mr. Belli

6. Mrs. Richardson

7. Mrs. Koulianos

8. Mr. Cotner

9. Mr. Mischler

10. Mr. Heckard

As voted by a random 100 students polled.



Ms. M. Egert  
Mathematics



Mrs. M. Fagan  
Cafeteria



Ms. P. Foley  
Low Vision Teacher



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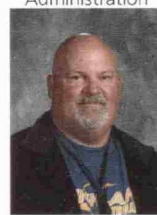
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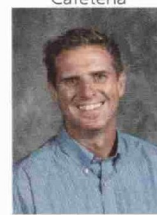
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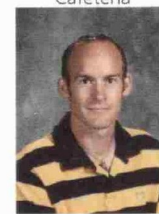
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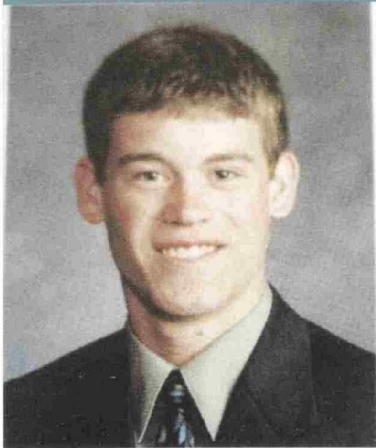
Mr. J. Iddins  
Pathfinder





I was on the varsity basketball team with all of my friends that I grew up playing with and our team made it to the Final 4. This was one of my favorite high school memories.

**MR. JORDAN HECKARD**



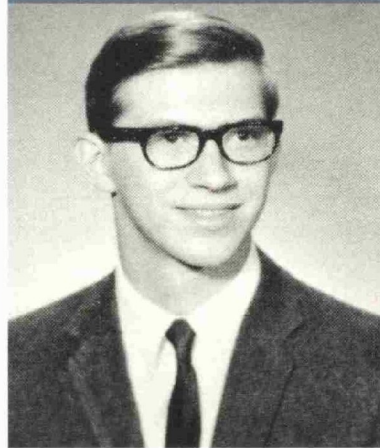
My favorite memory in my high school years was landing a lead role my senior year in the full length theatre production called Stage Door. My character's name was Terry Randall.

**MRS. M. ARROYO**



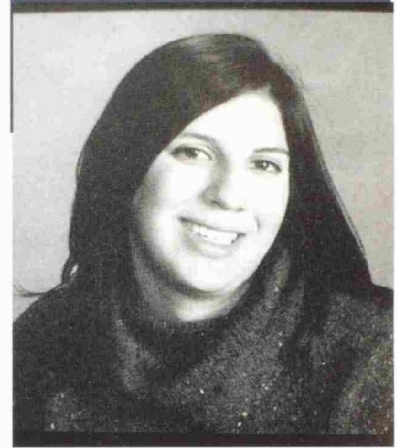
I remember hiding in the bathroom from a girl who wanted to ask me to Turnabout and taking alternate routes to avoid her in the hallway as my least favorite memory.

**MR. W. MADURA**



My least favorite memory in high school was getting into a car accident after prom, and spending the evening in the hospital instead of at a restaurant.

**MISS A. SUDAR**



# What are your high school memories?



Mrs. S. Janes  
FACS



Mrs. B. Jarvis  
Cafeteria



Mrs. M. Jensen  
Science



Mrs. D. Kaczmarek  
Registrar



Mr. D. Kaminski  
Foreign Language



Mrs. N. Kasprzycki  
Technology



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Cafeteria



Mr. G. Kilburn  
Librarian



Mr. C. Kirincic  
Social Studies



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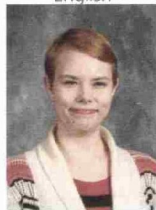
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Administration



Ms. S. Malagon  
FACS



Mr. D. Markley  
Fine Arts



Mrs. S. Martin  
Diagnostician



Mrs. D. Martinez  
Cafeteria





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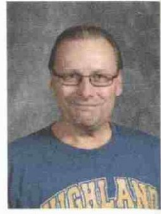
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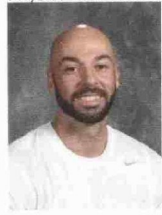
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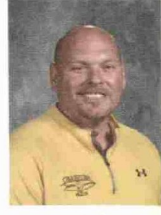
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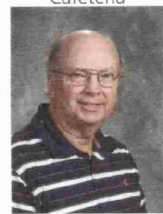
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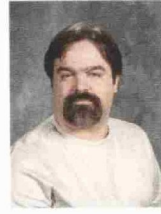
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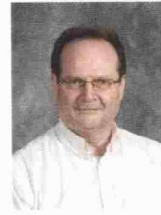
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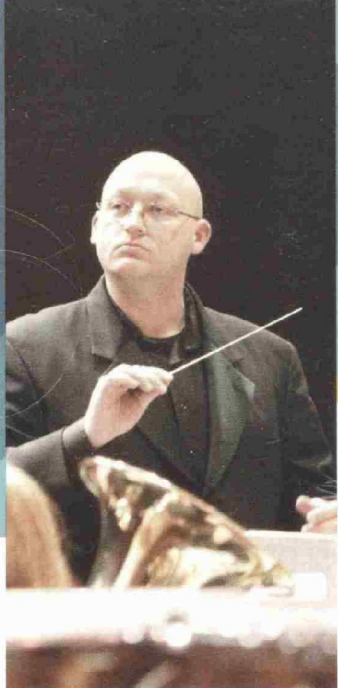


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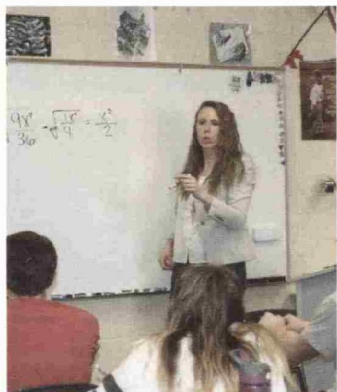


Dr. P. Weil  
Administration





**Retirement Coming Soon** After a lifetime spent within the School Town of Highland, Mr. William Madura and Mr. Edward Nightingale will retire at the conclusion of the school year. **Conducting** Mr. Brian Blocker was invited to work at the spring 2016 Music For All program in Indianapolis, IN. **Tradition** This fu manchu appeared on the faces of Mr. Craig Roggenbuck and Mr. David Bedka to end the freshman football season. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Teacher of Excellence** Mr. Anthony Belli was nominated as a Teacher of Excellence, and was posted in the Hammond Times. Photo Credit: Samantha Colbert.

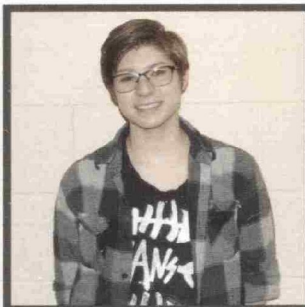
**Back from Maternity** Mrs. Lauren Ludwig returned to her classroom after maternity leave to teach Algebra 2 and Algebra 1. Photo credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

## WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY



"Mr. Bedka is my favorite teacher because he is interactive with his students and gives us memorable life lessons."

SARAH MARTIN



"Ms. Lang is one of my favorite teachers because she interacts with her students and my reading and writing skills have improved greatly from what we have done in class."

GRACE MIEDEMA





Jacquilyn Acevez



Erica Addington



Wahab Akanbi



Eric Alegre



Mark Alvarado



Tyler Anderson



Marianna Baca



Daniel Bahena



Na'Jee Baker



Isabella Bargo



Andrew Barnebee



Brianna Barrios



Jasmya Bauer



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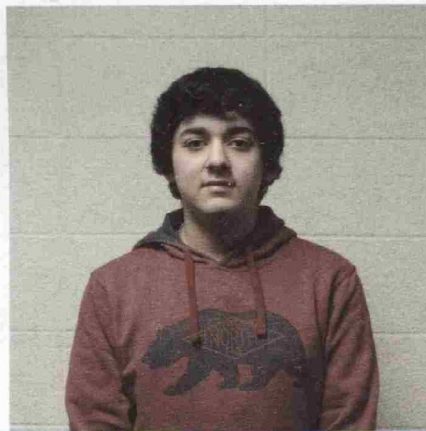


Valerie Brunt



Blaze Burke

## STUDENT FEATURE



### MIGUEL CASTANON

Miguel Castanon enjoys being able to be in a foreign language class because he is able to communicate with new people in a new way. In addition, he is also able to meet a lot of new people in class. Learning about the new culture is something new to do.



Karli Byrd



Anthony  
Caraballo



Jeremiah Carter



Colt Cash



Elena Castaneda



Miguel Castanon



Erica Castillo



Ricardo Castillo



Yaritza Castillo



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Chanthayong



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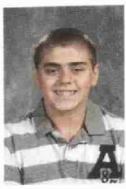
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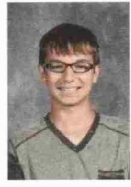
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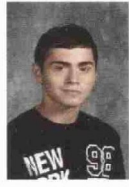
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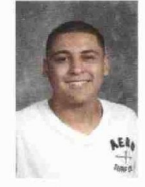
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Kevin Hasier



Cameron Hatfield



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Nicolas Hernandez



Lizbeth Herrera



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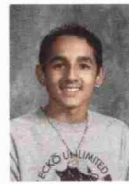
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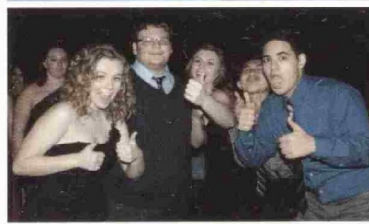


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## CANDID MOMENTS







Stefan Jacob



Cory Jacobs



Beau Janes



Antonio Jimenez



Logan Juran



Alyssa Kammer



Frederick Kepler



Isabel Knipe



Morgan Koble



Christopher Koutz



Nicholas Krieger



Joshua Krull



Ashley Kuchar



Jacob Labadie



Zachary Lahners



Derek Larson



Kaylee Larson



Sierra Lavolette



Hunter Lawbaugh



Maverick  
Lawrence



Ciera Lee



Matthew  
Lemerond



Emily  
Lewandowski



Ethan Lewis



Sarah Liden



Gloria Linkiewicz



Brianna  
Loudermilk



Sean Mack



Derrick Magee



Anthony Mako



Julia Makowski



Sarah Manning



Anthony Manuel



Gabriella Marks



Marc Martinez



Makenzie Marwitz



Wendolin Mata



Camryn Mathews



Nathan Matthews



Madison Maxeiner



Avaleigh Mazur



Alexander Melby



David Mendoza



Mark Michael



Emily Michalak



Mekhi Mitchell



Calvin Moore



Christian Moore



Marissa Moore



Kayley Morgan



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Makiah Myles



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# what they HAD TO SAY!!

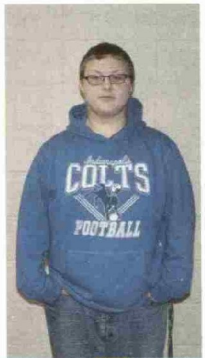


"The only reason I go to school all the time is to get my mind off the fact that I will never be Beyonce."

MAKENZIE  
MARWITZ

## SHE SAID

"I enjoy coming to school so that I can learn new things, and get to be with my friends while I'm here."



HUNTER  
LAWBAUGH

## HE SAID





Brittney Nichols



Steven Niemann



Jason Noto



John O'Connor



Megan Olszanski



Sarah O'Riley



Olivia Ottman



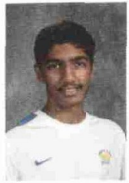
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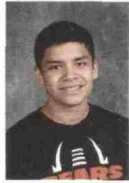
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Nicholas Pomonis



Philip Puentes



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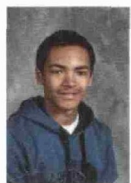
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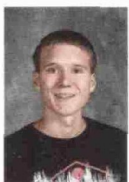
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Mark Sharp



Eric Shelton



Devin Short



Rose Shulund



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Cecilia Silva



Jacob Simmons



Myles Simmons



Jordan Siska



Trent Slaven



Madelyn Smigla



Dean Smith



Lee Smith

## HOW DID YOU ADJUST TO STARTING SCHOOL EARLIER?

It was difficult. The layout of the school day is similar to the one in the Middle School though.

CHRISTIAN MOORE

It was kind of easy to get up for school. So the adjustment was good.

MORGAN KOBLE

I woke up at 7 am like I normally did, I just lost the half hour to do whatever I wanted like I did in Middle School so I had to get to my bus faster.

JASON RAPKA





Yesenia Smith



Kaiden Smolar



Zachary Soboh



Andrew Staples



Jacob Steele



Justin Stewart



Jake Stivers



Carlyn Stone



Muhammad Sufur



Fareed Subuh



Issac Sytsma



Shane Szatkowski



Nathaniel Taillon



Kyler Tanis



Marithe Thomas



Leah Thornton



Angel Tirado



Ian Tobias



Haley Topor



D'Jesenia Torres



Nolan Turoci



Jenna Turpin



Adrienne Valdez



Morgan Vanderlee



Dalilah Vaquera



Jose Vazquez



Giavonna Venturella



Kennedy Vernengo



Noah Villa



Zachary Volom



Emily Wagner



Emily Watkins



Joseph Weir



Sean Wenskus



Cassie Westfall



Austin Wheeler



Adam White



Hunter White



Di'Mond Wicks



Anthony Wilson



Dionne Wilson



Nicholas Witham



Sydney Wolfe



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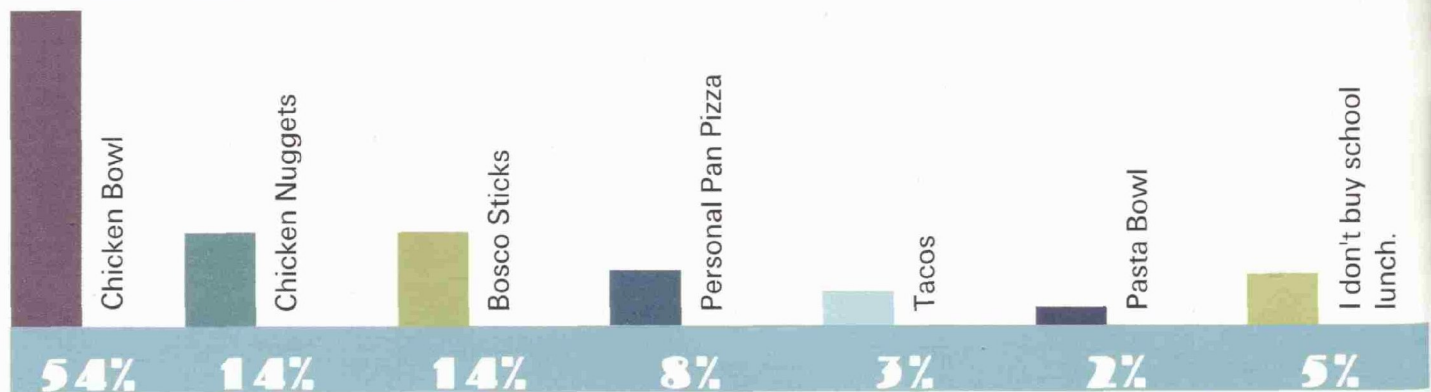


Conrad Alegre



Estacia Alejandra

## What's your favorite lunch in the cafeteria?



100 random freshmen students surveyed.







Gunter Alexander   David Allison   Bryce Anderson   Mariah Anderson   Marisa Anderson   Nicholas Anderson   Logan Andreatta   Jazmine Armstrong   Griffin Arnold  
 Casey Austin   Mykenzie Avila   Angelica Avina   Haylee Backs   Elaina Baker   Bryan Barajas   Russell Barnes   Christian Barragan   Emma Basic  
 Summer Baxter   Joshua Beauduy   Jacey Bertalan   Hannah Blanchard   Olivia Bodnar   Zachary Bodnar   Ethan Boleski   Abigail Borowski   Tyler Brankin  
 Salym Brewer   Harrison Bronisz   Nolan Brough   Kyle Brown   Garrett Bryak   Samantha Bugno  
 Brian Burbridge   Tessa Burke   Samantha Byquist   Sandra Cabrera   Daniel Campos   Santana Cantu  
 Samuel Carpenter   Arick Casiano   Olivia Casiano   Adam Castillo   Damen Castillo   Hope Castillo  
 Tristian Celmer   Ariann Chavez   Cristian Chavez   Natalie Childress   Aislinn Cichon   Ashley Clauson  
 Austin Click   Damian Comanse   Misael Contreras   Amanda Cook   Matthew Cotner   Elias Covarrubias

# STUDENT FEATURE



## EMMA BASIC

Emma Basic travels to Bosnia every summer to visit family. A majority of her family lives there, and it is enjoyable to go to spend time with them. It is tiring traveling over seas due to 3 different planes and 17 hours of flight time. Experiencing different cultures and people has helped her make new friends and accept differences in people. "I've thought about moving over seas, but I plan on staying here in the states because there are so many more opportunities for my future to take in," Basic explains.



# MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENTS



Hitting a tree while riding on an ATV was not one of my finest moments.

NICHOLAS GUERRERO



No one told me I had a piece of food stuck in my braces for almost an hour.

HAYLEE BACKS



I slipped on ice in the parking lot when walking into school when I got out of the car.

LIAM CURRAN



I didn't know how lunch worked when I moved here, so I didn't eat lunch for two days.

SUMMER BAXTER



I fell down the bleachers at both a basketball and football game in my Sapphire uniform

TARIA HARRIS



I argued with a teacher over homework in front of the class and really shouldn't have.

JOSHUA HARTMAN



Kathryn Covault



Casey Cox



Irie Crouch



Kenna Crowe



Riley Cruse



Benjamin Cruz



Liam Curran



Nicole Czarnec



Brandon Dananay



Camellia Dausch



Justin Davis



Gianna DeMarco



Codey Dewey



Joseph Dickey



Matthew Domagalski



Andrew Douglas



Megan Dross



Dustin DuFault



Maya Dziepak



Kiara Easter



Dolante Echols



Grace Elrod



Sarah Elrod



Hailey Espinoza-Neal



Andrew Fayette



Elijah Fessenden



Christina Fiegle



Sara Finke



Ethan Fitt



Lauren Foote



Steven Fowler



Samantha Foye



Edmond Frank



Jacqueline Frye



Michelle Galvan



Conner Gierymski



Michael Gilmore



Sydni Gizynski



Kyrstyn Glover



Mason Gluth



Lauren Gora



Morgan Greathouse



Gannon Grider



Nicholas Guerrero



Skylar Guffey



Brianna Gutekunst



Islam Hamad



Kaylee Harris



Taria Harris



Joshua Hartman



Michael Heaton



Riley Henry



Kodi Heston



Meaghan Hillier



Jacob Hirschak



David Holicz



Hunter Houchins





Christopher Howard



Dylan Huff



Artasia James



James Jamroz



Antonio Jimenez



Veronica Johnson

# STUDENT NICKNAMES

**"MEG HILL"**

MEAGAN HILLIER

**"G-ROD"**

GRACE ELROD

**"STAR WARS"**

NOLAN BROUGH

**"TAY"**

ARTASIA JAMES

**"SHANIMAL"**

GANNON GRIDER

**"SHARPIE"**

ANDREW SHARP

**"BUBBA"**

BRYAN BARAJAS

**"BURBS"**

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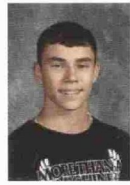
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Jacob Korcha



Katherine Krick



Wyatt Kucginski



Sabrina Lambert



Jack Lebeter



Michael LeNeave



Scott Lindberg



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Anthony Magallon



Ivanna Magdaleno



Raul Maldonado



Ethan Markovich



Arianna Martinez



Kayla Marty



Kayla Mastronardi



Michael McBrayer



Micaela McCarthy



Xavier McDermott



Lauren McFee



Alicia Mendez



Raul Mendoza



Megan Michalak



Rose Mikhail



Kelly Minton



Kaitlyn Moore



Briana Moreno



Andrew Morgan



Ethan Morgan



Courtney Morton



Braiden Moya



Desirae Mueller



Jack Mulligan



Joshua Mulligan



Monica Murray



Duha Nassar



Shelby Noble



Riley O'Connor



Chloe Oney



Elias Ortega



Octavio Ortega





Alana Ortiz



Caitlin Ortiz



Ruben Ortiz



Caroline Orzel



Kaitlyn Pecoski



Edward Pedroza



Anfernee Perez-Aquino



Christopher Peters



Daniel Piech



Bethany Pindrock



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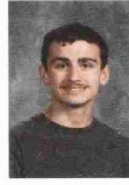
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Denise Rogel



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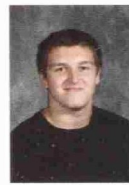
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Andrew Sharp



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Joseph Silva



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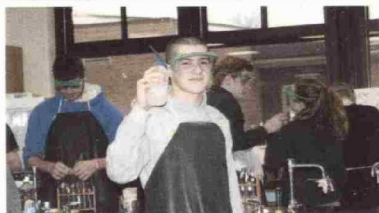


Graem Stickann



Mariah Stout

## CANDID MOMENTS



Nicole Strode



Husam Suboh



Austin Summar



Brianna Tanas



Maximilian Tank



Diana Tarazi



Nicholis Thompson



Marie Tirado



								
Ivan Tobias	Kevin Tomlinson	Analicia Torres	Kristen Toth	Alexander Traina	Manuel Trejo	Nathan Tuskan	Tyler Urbanczyk	Lauren Urevig
								
Frank Vargas	Andrew Vassar	Sabrina Velez	Adam Veronesi	Mia Veronesi	Sarah Wagner	Corlizha Walker	Lily Wall	Christian Walls
								
Emily Wartsbaugh	Luke Wasowicz	Jade Watts	Abigail White	Shameela White	Clayton Whiting	Nathan Whiting	Kodie Wilson	Lindsey Wilson
								
Jalan Wright	Matthew Wyrobek	Claudia Zacarias	Justice Zachery	Jared Zack	Sasa Zdrnja	Faith Zimmerman	Kelsie Zuklin	Thomas Agan
								
Alejandro Aguilar	Ademide Akanbi	Tyler Allen	Celena Alvarez	Austin Andreatta	Sofia Arrue	Vicente Ayon	Brianna Baca	Saul Balderrama
 <div> <p>Mrs. Elsa Kluga is my role model because being in Girl Up made me realize she's a selfless leader.</p> <p><b>MAREYA FELIX</b></p> </div>								
			Jared Barnes	Julianne Beasley	Joshua Bennett	Zachary Bertossi	Alyssa Bettress	Amanda Bishop
 <div> <p>Aaron Rogers, because I've always liked football. He's my favorite quarterback who works very hard.</p> <p><b>BRENDON FOX</b></p> </div>								
			Aubry Blauw	Douglas Brandon	Taylor Breidenbaugh	Nicholas Bremer	Abigail Brosseau	Allison Brown
 <div> <p>My mother will always be my role model because of everything that she has overcome in life.</p> <p><b>ISIS CURIEL</b></p> </div>								
			Zachary Brown	Julie Brunt	Hunter Bryak	Joseph Burgess	Matthew Burleson	Felipe Caldeira





Andrew  
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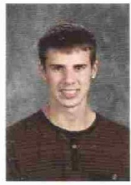
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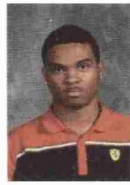
Leah Clark



Tristen Comer



Justin Conner



Dorlolean Cooks



Thomas Cordin



Enequina  
Covarrubias



Molly Cox



Brittany Cruz



Matthew  
Cunningham



Isis Curiel



What is your greatest fear and have you ever tried to face it?



The most difficult thing in high school was trying to balance work and school together. Increasing my time management helped.

NICOLE  
LUKASIEWICZ



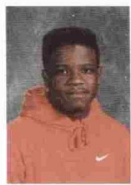
Adjusting to meeting new people to adjusting to a different culture was challenging. The support of my family and my new friends made adjustments simple.

COREY KIJURNA



I am scared of centipedes. I have come across centipedes in my room before and do not like them.

HANNAH  
HENNESEY



Jermaine Doss



Daniel Drake



Faith DuVall



Mireya Felix



Isabel Davis



Devin Denisiuk



Charlianne Diggs



Margaret Dizon



Kathleen  
Doolittle



Yasmeen  
Fontanez



Kyle Foster



Alyssa Fowle



Danielle Fowler



Abigail Figley



Joshua Fink



Paige Fisher



Alexander Fitt



Moises Flores



Madelyn Garcia



Mark Garcia



Cheyenne Garza



Dustan Gates



Brendon Fox



Zachary Fraley



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Amber Gallagher



Nancy Garay



Keelie Gragido



Ashley Granados



Jason Gray Jr



Jordan Greer



Casey Gessler



Brianne Giba



Anthony Gibson



Kelsie Gollhardt



Ricardo  
Gonzales



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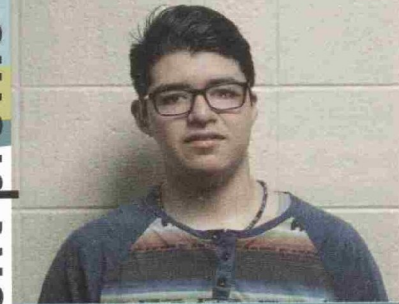
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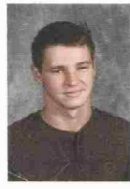


# student profile



**Jorge Tapia**

Life is full of challenges that everyone has to overcome. Tapia has impaired hearing which makes communication between friends complicated. With the help of an interpreter, Mr. Leon, talking to classmates and teachers becomes an easier task. "Everyday I keep going, never give up and never let my head down," Tapia explained. After high school, he hopes to graduate college and find a career revolving around technology.



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Brook Hall

Emily Harling

Anthony Hart

Darnell Harwood

Daniel Hause



Hannah  
Hennessy

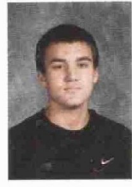
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Elizabeth  
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Jack Holl

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Ann Howard

Aurora Howard



Jillian Hunt

Berenice Iniguez

Milinda James

Morgan Janik

Tyler Jett

Michael Johnson



Randall Johnson

Corey Jorsch

Michael Kerber



Corey Kijurna

Breanna King

Chase Kinley

Mark Klemoff

Dylan Klocek

Ryan Klosak



Tyler Knight

Zachary Kochvar

Zachary Kovacek



Benjamin  
Kovacic

Morgan Kulwicki

Thomas Lahners

Marc Landes

Eric Larkin

Daniel Larmon



Ashlynn  
Lautzenheiser

Alexandra  
Lawrence

Megan Lazarine



Mackenzie  
Lewis

David Long

Nicole Lukasiewicz

Cameron Lynch

Anthony Machuca

Myron Magee



Annabelle  
Makowski

Christopher  
Manyek

Patrick Manyek



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Sarah Martin

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Gavin Matlock







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Megan McCarty



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Ryan McKnight



Angel Mendez



Evan Michner



Grace Miedema



Sara Miller



Monet Mitchell



Connor Mizner



Kassidy Morinville



Mitchell Moynihan



Jacqueline Munoz



Emari Myles



Ian Nicksic



Abbey Nielson



Sophia Nisevich



Cameron Nordyke



Nicholas Novosel



Trevor O'Donnell



Walah Odtallah



Riley O'Hare



Elizabeth Olojo



Ethan O'Riley



Victor Ornelas



Isabella Osgood



Kolin Palmer



Scott Panchisin



Reilly Panozzo



Jeffrey Pena



Jun Penaflorida



Melanie Perez



Emily Peters



Samuel Pizzuto

## WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF

### IN FIVE YEARS?

After graduating college from Indiana University Bloomington, I will be teaching high school english thanks to the inspiration from Mr. Foss.

**BENJAMIN GRIMLER**



Krystyna Plebanski



Samantha Pohlplatz



Franklin Ponziano



Tyler Potesta



Kyle Prendergast



Yvette Puentes

I will be teaching third grade in my first education job after graduating with my Bachelor's in Elementary Education.

**MADELYN GARCIA**



Jordan Quinones



Hailey Rattray



Collin Reilly



Avery Reinhart



Tristen Reppe



Madeline Revercomb

I see myself attending college for audio engineering.

**JACOB SYLVESTER**



Bradley Reynolds



Jordan Rhoten



Nathan Riffle



Logan Riley



Riley Riordan



Chloe Rivera



Abigail Rodriguez



Shawn Rogers



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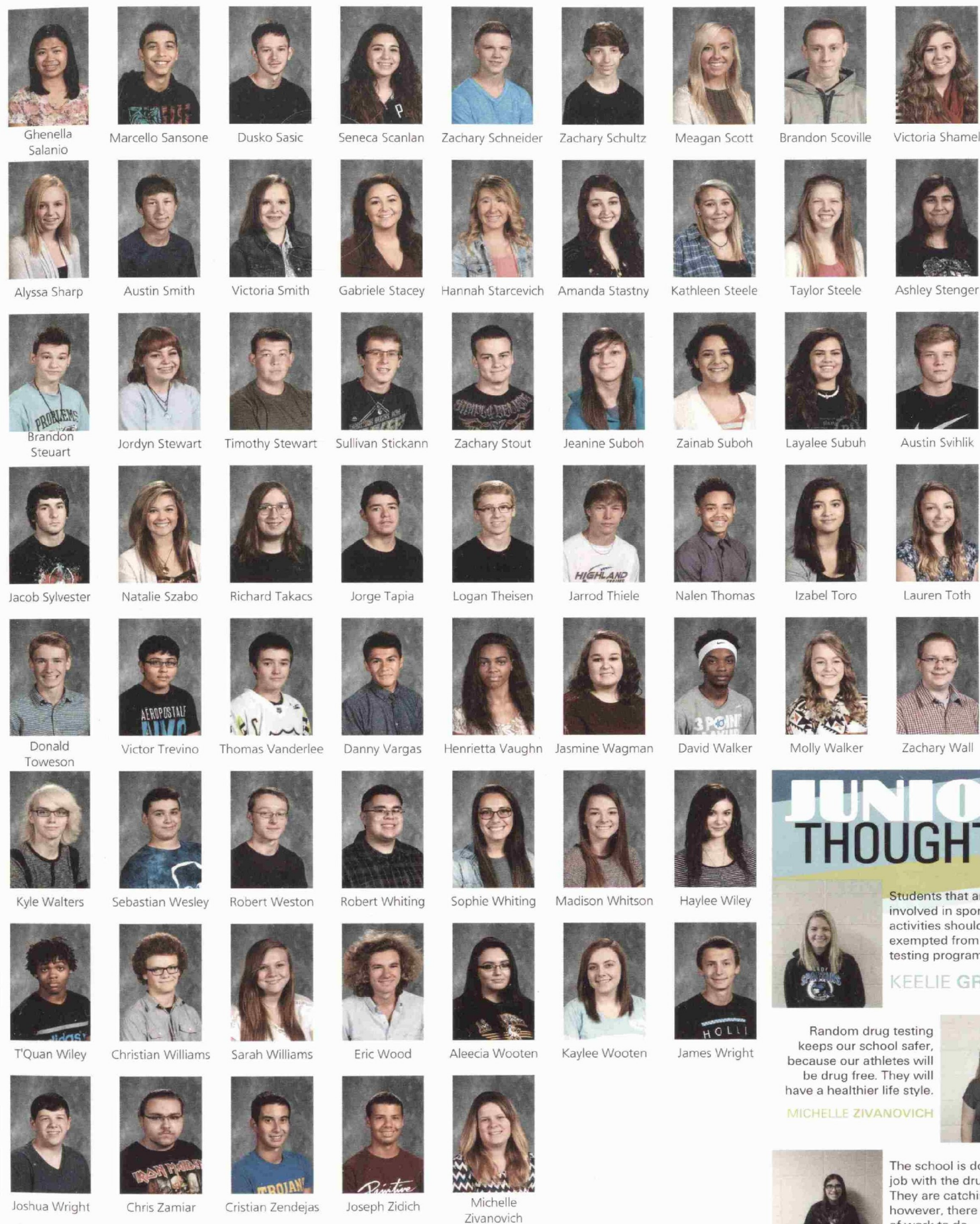


Nicole Russell



Nicholas Rycerz





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Alyssa Sharp    Austin Smith    Victoria Smith    Gabriele Stacey    Hannah Starcevich    Amanda Stastny    Kathleen Steele    Taylor Steele    Ashley Stenger

Brandon Steuart    Jordyn Stewart    Timothy Stewart    Sullivan Stickann    Zachary Stout    Jeanine Suboh    Zainab Suboh    Layalee Subuh    Austin Svihlik

Jacob Sylvester    Natalie Szabo    Richard Takacs    Jorge Tapia    Logan Theisen    Jarrod Thiele    Nalen Thomas    Izabel Toro    Lauren Toth

Donald Toweson    Victor Trevino    Thomas Vanderlee    Danny Vargas    Henrietta Vaughn    Jasmine Wagman    David Walker    Molly Walker    Zachary Wall

Kyle Walters    Sebastian Wesley    Robert Weston    Robert Whiting    Sophie Whiting    Madison Whitson    Haylee Wiley

T'Quan Wiley    Christian Williams    Sarah Williams    Eric Wood    Aleecia Wooten    Kaylee Wooten    James Wright

Joshua Wright    Chris Zamiar    Cristian Zendejas    Joseph Zidich    Michelle Zivanovich

# JUNIOR THOUGHTS



Students that are not involved in sports or activities should not get exempted from the drug testing program.

**KEELIE GRAGIDO**



Random drug testing keeps our school safer, because our athletes will be drug free. They will have a healthier life style.

**MICHELLE ZIVANOVICH**



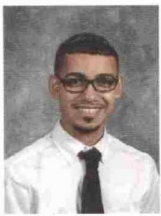
The school is doing a good job with the drug testing. They are catching people; however, there is still a lot of work to do.

**ASHLEY STENGER**

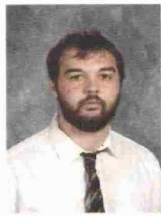




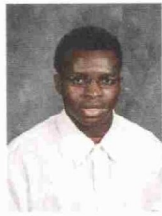
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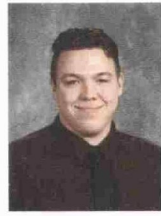
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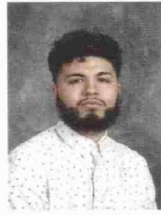
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Christine Anderson



Travis Anderson



Camilo Arce



Cecilia Arceo



Jacqueline Astorga



Xavier Avila



Lilliana Avina



Jacob Baker



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Melaina Blanchard

# SUMMER ADVENTURES



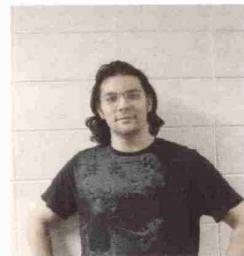
Over the summer I attended a Key Club convention called ICON. For four days I learned how to help recruit more members for our school's Key Club.

**NICHOLAS LEWANDOWSKI**

I attended Drum Major Camp this summer. The best part of camp was being able to relate to band kids across the country. I was able to connect with people that I have never known.

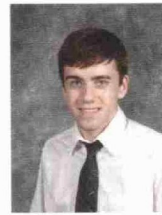


**MAYA DAVIS**



I traveled to Boston, MA to participate in a conference with the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. This program allowed me to develop my post secondary plan.

**DAVID GAJEWSKI**



Michael Bodnar



Hailey Bohlin



Ayron Bojara



Tony Boone



Kaitlyn Borden



Brittany Brzek



Jonathan Bugno



Brandon Burbridge



Jacob Buuck



Jamaine Callion



Kristoria Cannon



Briana Castillo



Michael Cimaroli



Adrianna Colon



DeAnthony Comanse



Samantha Contreras



Ava Cook



Brittany Cross



Breana Daigre



Josue Darwish





Olivia Dausch



Eric Davalos



Julius Davila

## WHAT IS THE WORST THING ABOUT BEING

## A SENIOR?

You spend so many years building friendships, and you think that popularity is so important. As graduation passes, you realize that it's not everything you thought it was.

ORLANDO OROZCO



Levion Davis



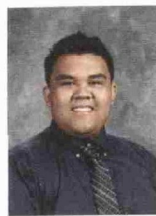
Maya Davis



Amanda Dejesus

The worst part about being a senior is probably trying to do the rest of your homework for all of your classes when you have senioritis kicking in.

RYAN FIEGLE



Mervyn Dela Cruz



Jacob Diaz



Michael Domagalski

Knowing it is my last year of high school means I have to figure out what I want to do with my life once high school is over.

ABIGAIL BEJAR

Filling out all of the college applications on top of maintaining all of my classwork is the worst thing about being a senior.

SAMANTHA CONTRERAS



Nicholas Donsbach



Courtney Douglas



Macy Drake



Sean Duffy



Dillon Edwards



Ivett Eulloqui



Michael Fahey



Ryan Fiegle



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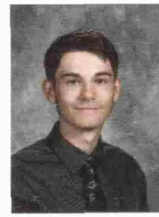
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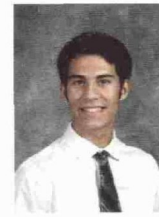
Hanna Graves



Griffin Grider



Donald Grinker



Austin Guerra



Ricardo Guillen



Fernando Gutierrez



# Q&A

*What is your best quality about yourself?*



My best quality would be that I am a hard worker.



Being honest with others and getting along well with other people are my best qualities.



My best quality is that I make people laugh because of my own loud laugh.

MIKAYLA HAYES

CHANCE SINISE

KENILLE WHITE



Natalya Haluska



James Hamilton



Ryan Harling



Latera Harwood



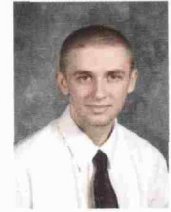
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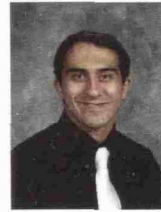
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Rebecca Klack



Emma Knipe



Aaron Kondrat



Kyle Kooiker



Anthony Kowalkowski



Kayla Koza



Lorraine Kremm



Abigail Krieger



Michael Kristy



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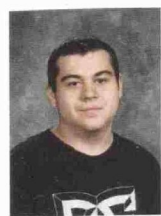
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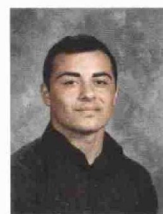
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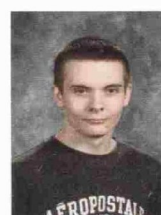
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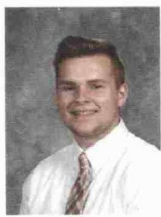
Emily Ochoa

## STUDENT FEATURE



For some, school comes easy but for others it can be a challenge. Blanchard hit many bumps in her road due to fighting depression and family hardships. As a freshman she dropped out of school. After participating in home school, Blanchard realized her true potential. She returned to school as a senior with the support of her girlfriend and father. Now on track to graduate with her cohort, Blanchard plans to reach for a college degree in Social Work so that she can help be a difference in the system that has impacted her life and family.





Jason O'Donnell



Casey Olah



Dakotah Olah



Jenna Orange



Orlando Orozco



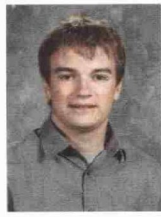
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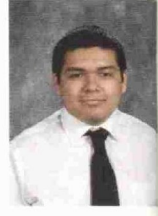
Kyle Polster



Brittany Raab



Maycen Raycroft



Eduardo Rea Alvarez

## what they HAD TO SAY!!



"Entering my second semester of my senior year I am excited to graduate and get out of Highland High School! I'm looking forward to becoming a full time college student."

SYDNEY  
SILLS

## SHE SAID

"I feel like I'm being lied to and hope to eventually be in a place that I could make a difference in the world."

DAVID  
FREDERICK



## HE SAID



Zachary Rebey



Nicholas Rich



Rhaven Richardson



Yulissa Rios



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Jairo Romero



Jared Root



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Brooke Rycerz



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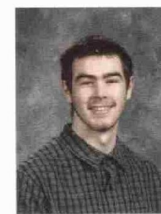
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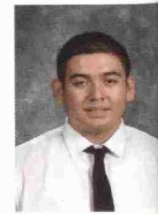
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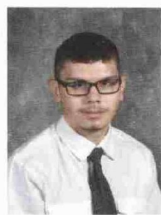
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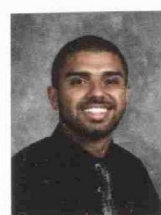
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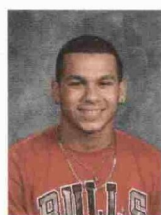
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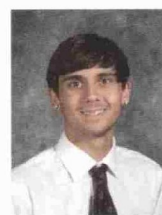
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Noah Velez



Michael Voigt



Michael Wagner



Jaylen Walker



Dakota Wallace



Michael Walsh



Sean Walsh



Neil Weir



Kenille White



Bailey Whitehead



Dylan Whitehead



Jessica Whiting



Autumn Wilson



Tyler Wolfe



Tyler Woods



Jade Wright



Riley Wyant



Tyler Zaharis



Yasmin Zamora



Jazmine Zipko



Haitham Zitioui

Walking into Highland High School has been fun, stressful and everything in between. Everyday has posed a new obstacle, a new experience and a new memory. But at the end of the day, there is nothing I would want to take back. Good luck to the Class of 2016.

**CHRISTIAN VAZQUEZ**  
Class President

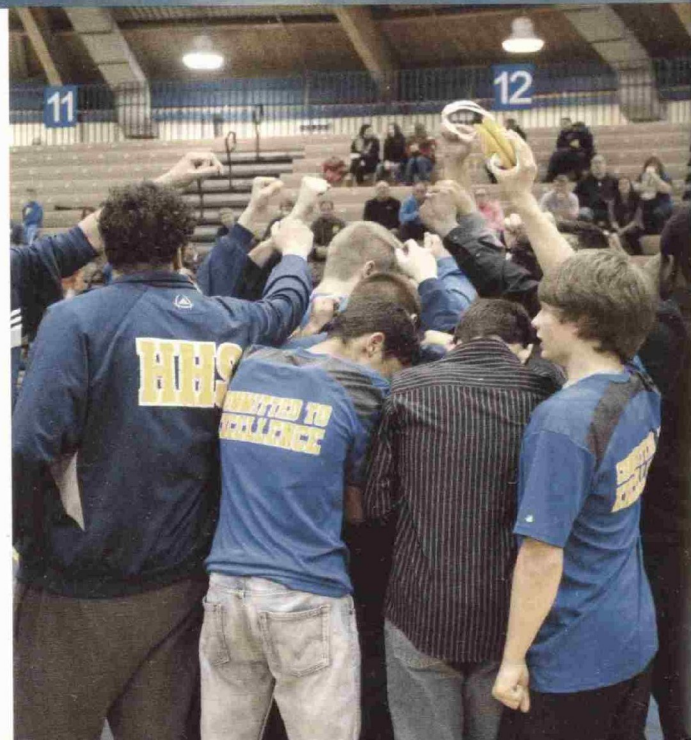


# VaryING Personalities



## One Purpose

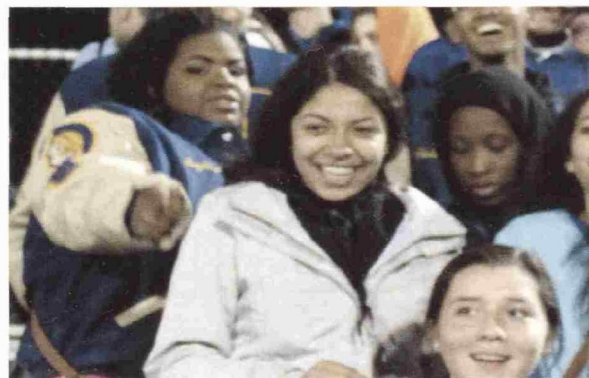
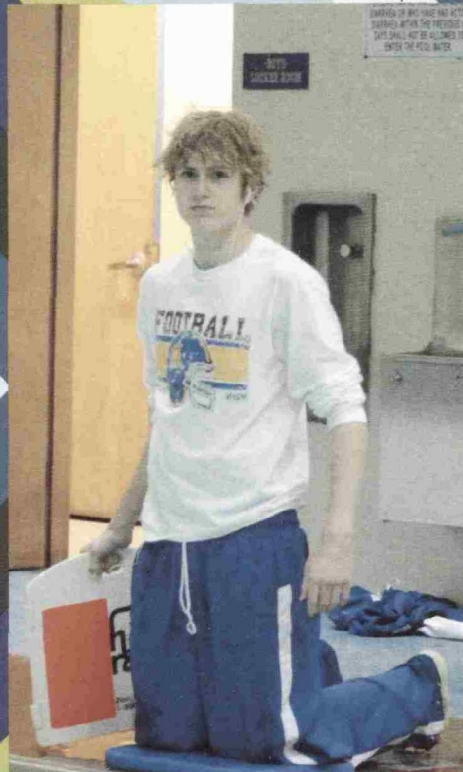
**Carry the Flag** Fernando Gutierrez (12) ran the Highland flag around the gym to raise the spirit. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Committed to Excellence**  
The wrestling team made final comments and sent our wrestlers to the mat. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Spirit Fingers** Our students cheered on our sports teams to their victories. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Team Support** Scott Stange (10) knelt down to count laps for a teammate. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Cart Racing** Students came alive as they watched the carts race across the gym floor. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Look Out** Angelica Avina (10) laughed as Buffalo Wild Wings employees threw out t-shirts to the student section. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner



**Team Talk** The Softball team ran into the dugout to prepare for a great at bat after a motivational speech by Coach Sarah Funston. Photo Credit: Kassidy Morinville

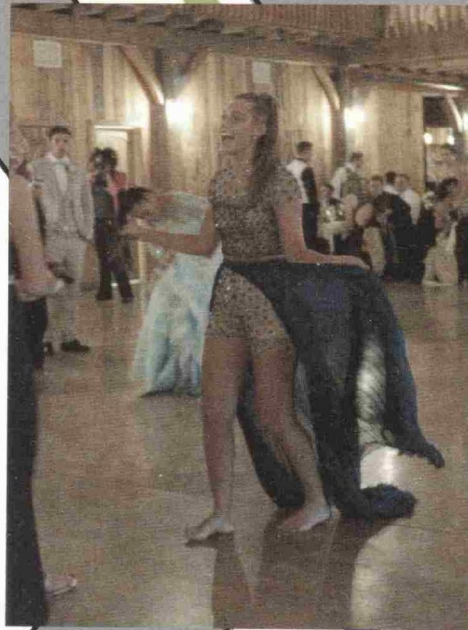
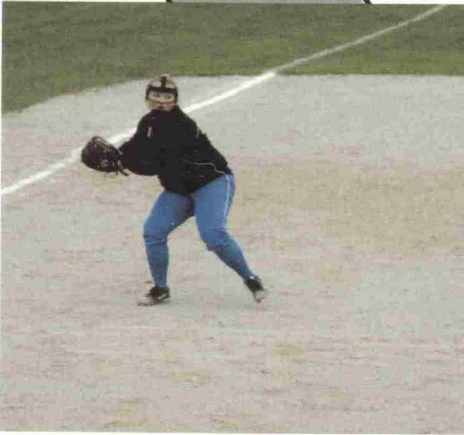
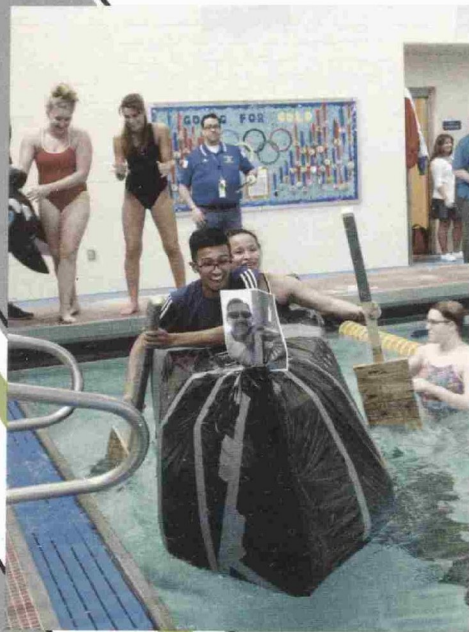






# INside 2016







### Amanda DeJesus

(12) will be attending Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to major in Psychology.



**Michael Narantic** (12) will be staying local by attending Purdue University Northwest Fall 2016. Also attending Purdue University Northwest will be



**Jonathan Bugno** (12), **Mikayla Hayes** (12) and **Kate Hasier** (12).

Staying close to home, but attending Indiana University Northwest will be

**Katelyn Long** (12) and **Sara Gordon**

(12). Representing Calumet College of Saint Joseph's will be **Bailey Whitehead** (12).



Moving northwest

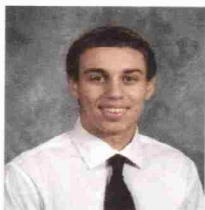
will be **Courtney Douglas** (12).

Douglas will attend Washington State University in the fall to major in Elementary Education with a minor in Theatre. She chose to attend this university due to hearing good things about their education program.

**Abigail Bejar** (12) was accepted by Saint Xavier University in Chicago, Illinois. Also staying in the Illinois area will be **Orlando Orozco** (12) at the Art Institute of Chicago; **Eduardo Rea Alvarez** (12)

at Moraine Valley Community College and

(12) who will be attending Rockford



University in Rockford, Illinois. **Noah Velez** (12) was accepted by Arizona State. Velez plans to major in Sustainability. He chose Arizona State University because, "They have a very good School of Business and of course the climate in Arizona is great."



### Highland High School Class of 2016

Graduates will be attending 32 different universities and colleges in the fall.

69% of the class will be attending a 4-year college or university.

10% of the class will be attending a 2-year college or university.

5% of the class will enter an apprenticeship or vocational training.

3% of the class will enter the armed forces.

10% of the class will directly enter the work force.

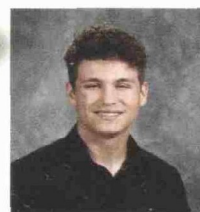
### Catherine Larson

(12) was joyful when she was accepted by St. Mary's of the Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana to

major in Music Theory. Also attending a post secondary school southern Indiana will be **Morgan Vaclavik** (12). Vaclavik will be attending Indiana State University major in Secondary English Educa







**Michael Domagalski** (12) plans to head to Canton Michigan to attend MIAT College of Technology. Also traveling to the state of Michigan is

**Christine Anderson** (12) to major in dance at Grand Valley State University in Allendale,



Michigan. Staying within in the state of Indiana will be many students that are choosing to attend schools such as Ivy Tech branches within

the area. Although **David Hoffman** (12) has completed his training in Emergency Medical Technician through his Area Career Center programs, he



intends to continue his education within the public safety field. While completing his education he plans on applying for jobs as an EMT. Heading off to Valparaiso University

will be several Highland Trojans including twins, **Tyler Betustak** (12) and **Kimberly Betustak** (12). Joining them both will be **Nicholas Lewandowski** (12), **Stephanie Sprague** (12) and **Hayley Kim** (12). Nia Torry (12) will travel slightly farther than Valparaiso with her drive to Rensselaer, Indiana to attend St. Joseph's University. Moving just a state east will be **Jessica Whiting** (12).



Whiting plans to major in xx at XX University. The farthest east reported move will be with Alyssa Mathias (12) who is moving to North Carolina to

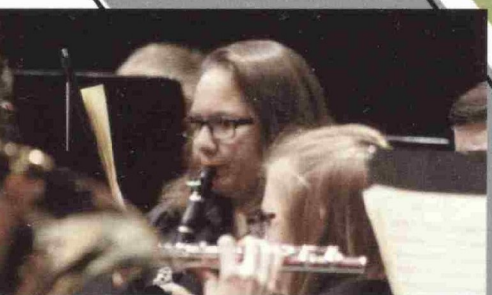
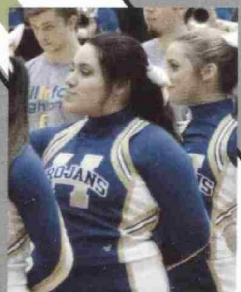
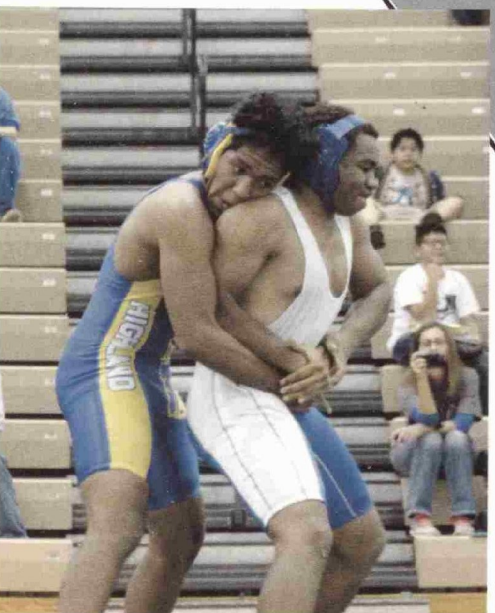
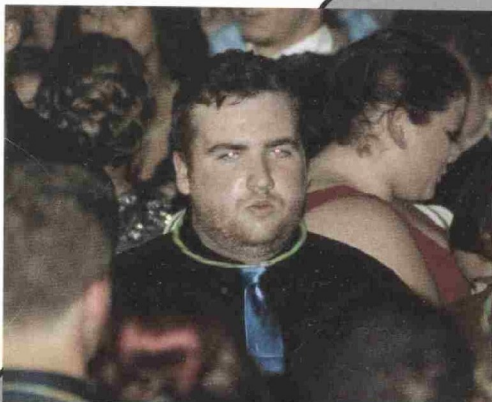
attend North Carolina State University to major in Elementary Education. Mathias chose to make this move to be near her new husband that is stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina with the United States Marine Corps.



**Haitham Zitioui** (12) will be moving to Bloomington fall 2016 to attend Indiana University Bloomington. Zitioui is looking forward to his college years so that he can continue to challenge himself. Zitioui will major in physics, and hopes to be a physicist someday. Other Hoosiers include **Kyle Polster** (12), **Dakotah Olah** (12) and **Alexander Perrin** (12). Stopping north of Bloomington will be **Maya Davis** (12) who will be attending Butler University to study Music Education.

Davis hopes to become a band director someday. Joining Davis at Butler University will be **Ryan Moskalick** (12) to double major in astronomy & astrophysics plus theatre. Attending Purdue University West Lafayette in the fall will be **Annaliese Ford** (12). Classmates **Mia Skertich** (12) as well as **Nicole Magiera** (12) will join Ford as fellow Boilermakers. **Taylor Howard** (12) and **Brittany Brzek** (12) will also make the move to Lafayette to major in Pre-pharmacy and Biology respectively.









# DiscoverING New Places

Everyone experiences a lifetime of opportunities, but not all choose to take it all in. Maximilian Tank (10), an exchange student from Germany, was given the opportunity to travel to the United States and received an education through Highland High School. While Tank learned curriculum and completed course work, this year was simply an experience as this year of school did not count toward his high school diploma. As a sophomore, Tank did more than just come to school; he was a member of the varsity soccer and track teams along with never hesitating to show his school spirit at other functions. He enjoyed how welcoming his teammates were to him. When Tank first started classes in the fall, he felt intimidated when classmates asked questions and took interest in who he was. Eventually, he made close friends and built strong relationships with other classmates. "I like the diversity of this school. Here they provide sports through the school while at home, school was simply considered school. The spirit of Trojan Pride is a spirit that accepts everyone and not just one group," Tank said about what he liked most at Highland compared to his school back home. While this year was a memory he will never forget, he did miss his friends and family from his home in Germany. Tank's overall goal was to improve his English language and learn responsibility, which is exactly what he did. Tank followed his father's advice, "Do it how you want, not how others want you to do it," in most of things he accomplished. Tank has plans to travel the world and expand his cultural diversity. He advised, "Always know where your home is and you won't be lost."

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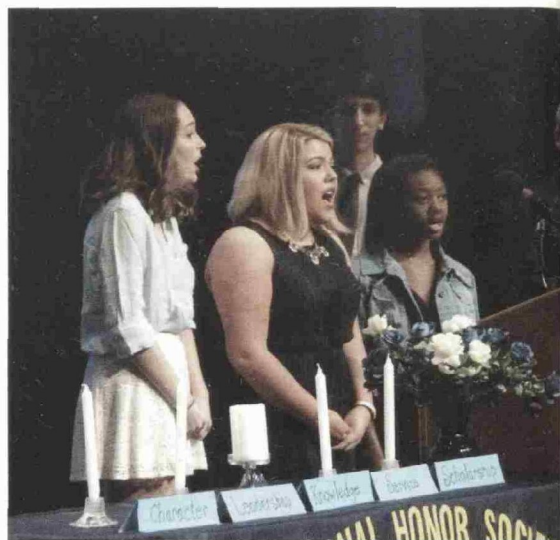
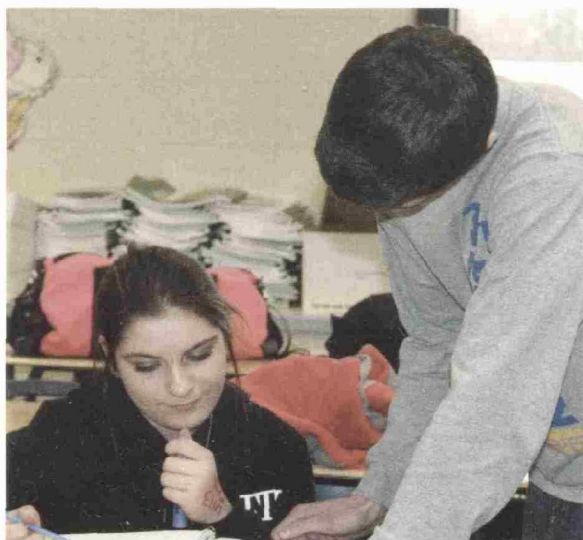






**Tutoring** A member of National Honor Society helped a fellow student with her homework. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**National Anthem** Emily Smith (12), Hailey Bohlin (12), and Jade Wright (12) sung the National Anthem to begin the induction ceremony. Photo Provided by: Inter State

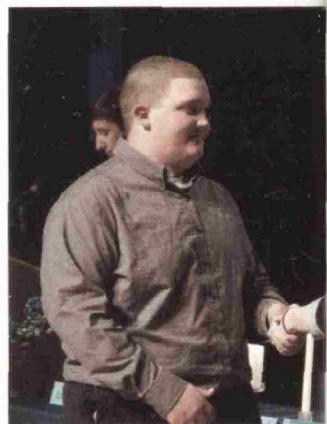
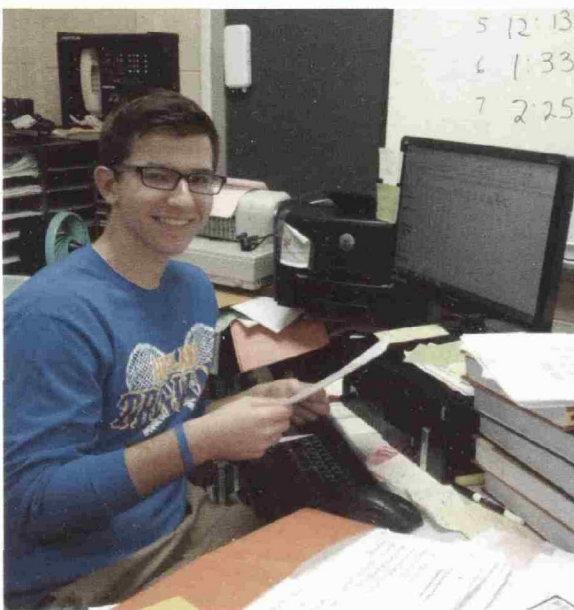


## ServINg the Community



**Helpful** Jordan Rhoten (11), Ghenella Salanio (11), and Lauren Frick (11) sorted spirit wear for the National Honor Society students. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

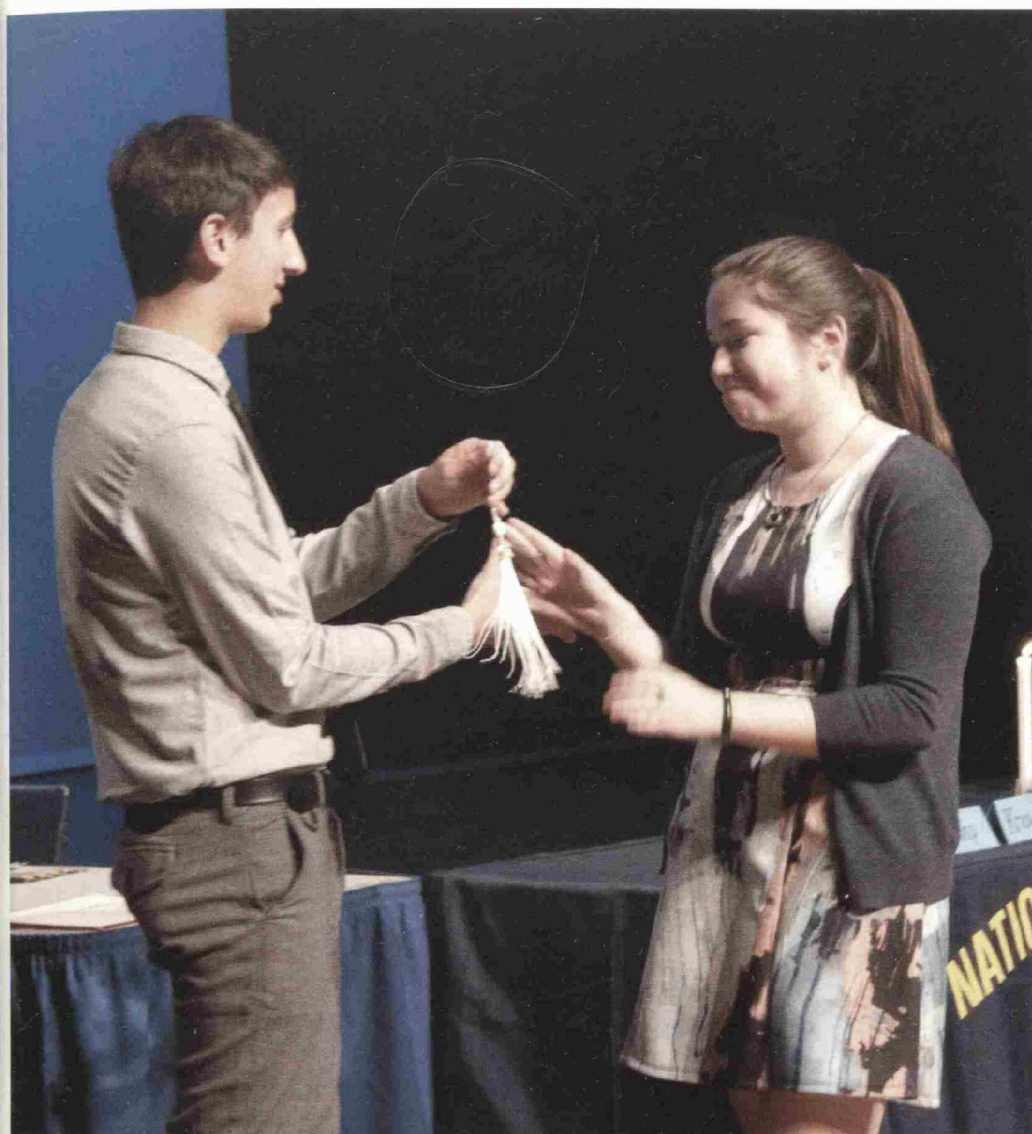
**Hours** Tyler Betustak (12) logged hours to track service hours completed by National Honor Society members. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Scholarship** Sabrina Haddad (11) lit the candle of scholarship at the induction ceremony. Photo Provided by: Inter State

**Success** Zakery Pizer (10) got inducted into National Honor Society at the end of his sophomore year. Photo Provided by: Inter State

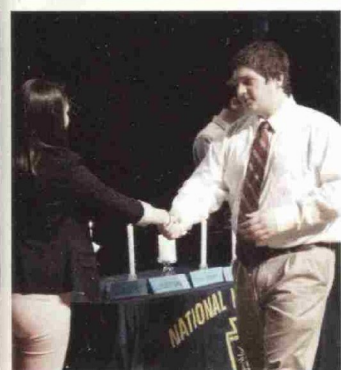




**Tassel** Hailey Kim (12) received her white tassel to wear at graduation by completing the required amount of hours. Photo Provided by: Inter State

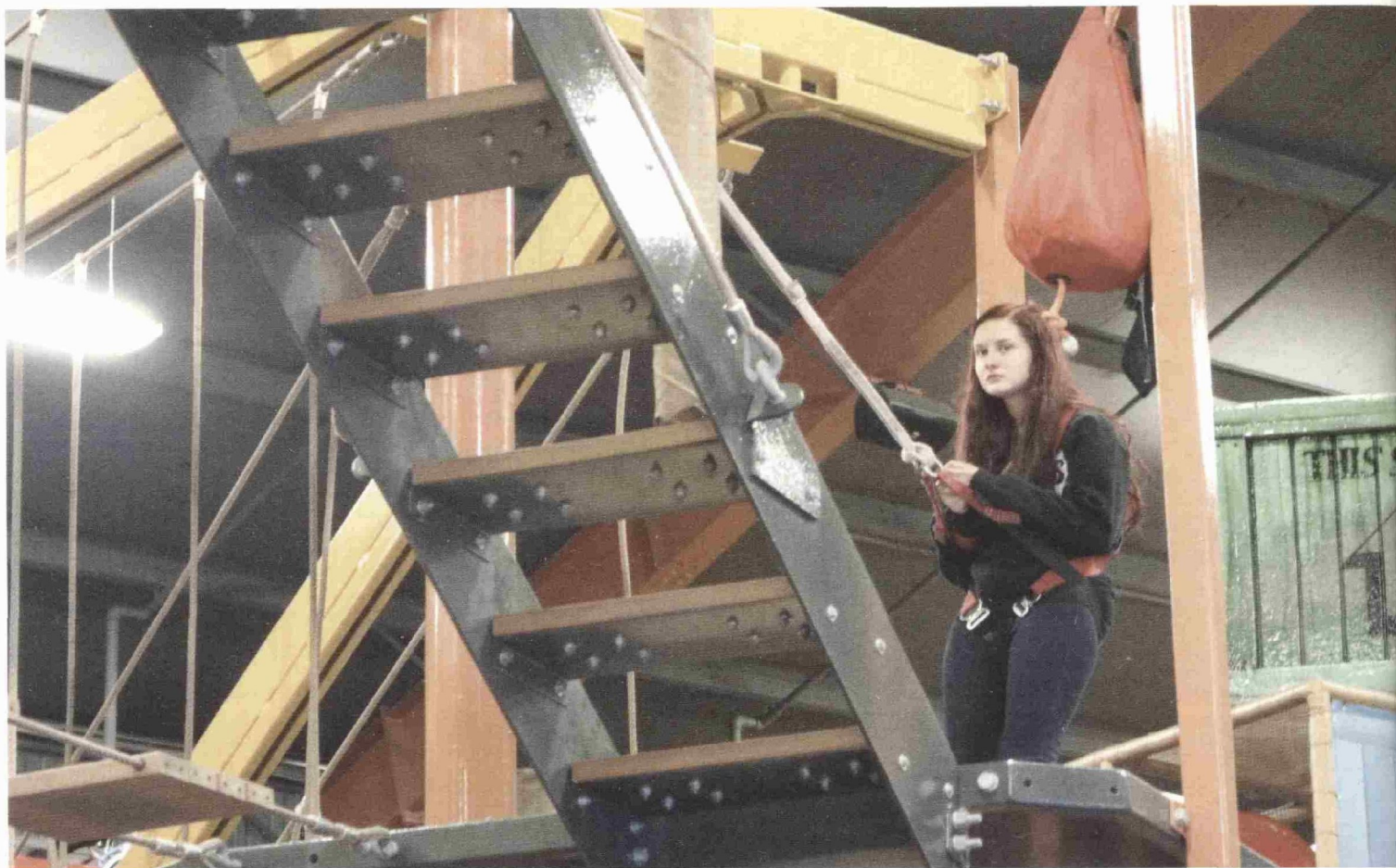
**Leadership** Vito Santino (10) earned his induction by displaying all the key attributes required of National Honor Society students. Photo Provided by: Inter State

**Induction** Mia Veronesi (10) walked across the stage to receive her induction pin. Photo Provided by: Inter State





**Sky Trail** Hope Binner (12) worked attractions at JAK's after school and on weekends throughout the year.  
Photo Credit: Stephanie Sprague



# WorkIng World

## A NORMAL DAYS WORK

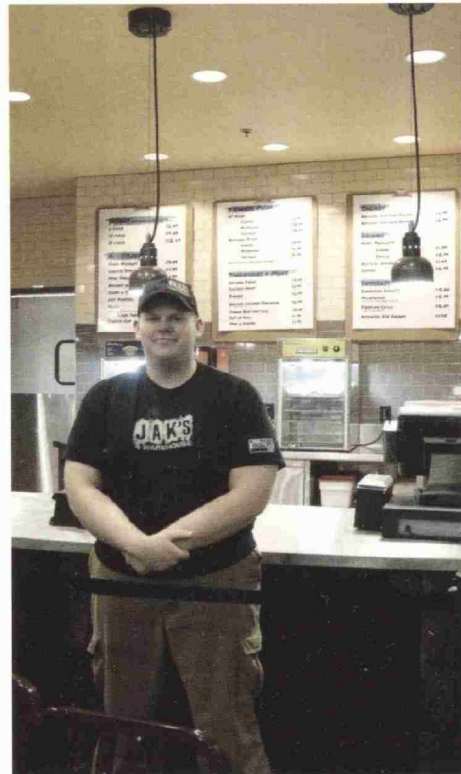
A typical day for Rebecca Benninghoff (12) is a long, difficult process. Her day would start when she woke up as late as possible. She would go through the school day and tried to get through whatever assignments she could complete throughout her classes. When the bell rang she would take the bus and would arrive at home at 3:15. She would have to walk from home to be at work by four, so while she changed, Benninghoff would try to sneak in a quick meal before a long night of work. After work ended a approximately 11:30 pm Benninghoff would go straight to the shower and then directly to bed without eating. Benninghoff would work Monday through Saturday with closing hours on Friday. Friday's would bring Benninghoff home at 2am just to return back to work at 10:30 am the next day. Most students have to balance work, school and class work all in one day just like Benninghoff. It is a very difficult life for a teenager to have such a busy schedule, but it is a reality that some students have to face.

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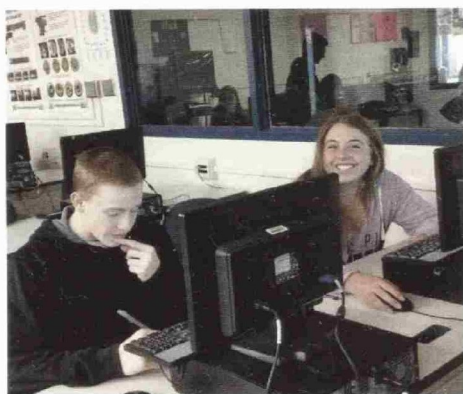
**Food Preparation** Tyler Pawlak (12) worked in the grill area of the Highland McDonald's during his senior year. Photo Provided by Tyler Pawlak **Man in the Kitchen** Jonathan Bugno (12) gave up many opportunities to do something with friends to cook at Jak's. Photo Credit: Stephanie Sprague



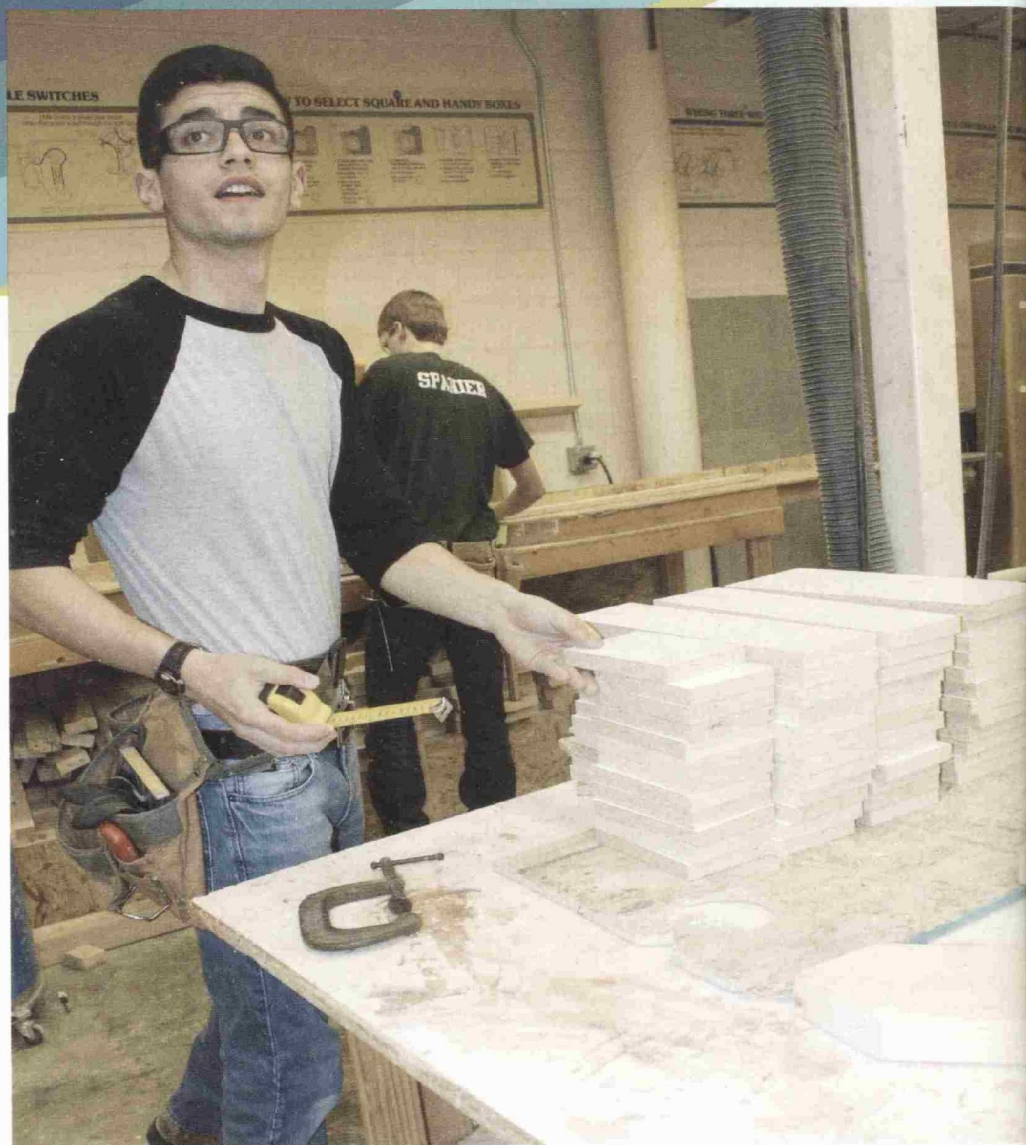
**With Smiles** Cashiers at Dairy Queen greeted customers before taking their orders. Photo Credit: Tyler Potesta **Soft Serve** Just like many students, Bailey Whitehead (12) worked at Dairy Queen to earn some her paycheck. Photo Credit: Tyler Potesta







**Safety First** Kathleen Steele (11) wore her safety equipment before she begun to weld. Photo Credit: Zainab Sobuh **Wood Working** Eric Davalos (12) measured planks of wood while in the construction class. Photo Credit: Zainab Sobuh **Criminal Justice** Brandon Scoville (11) and Jessica Hennessy (12) searched for newspaper articles about criminal activity. Photo Credit: Tyler Potesta **Thumbs Up** Sophie Whiting (11) and Alyssa Sharp (11) posed with their patient. Photo Credit: Zainab Suboh





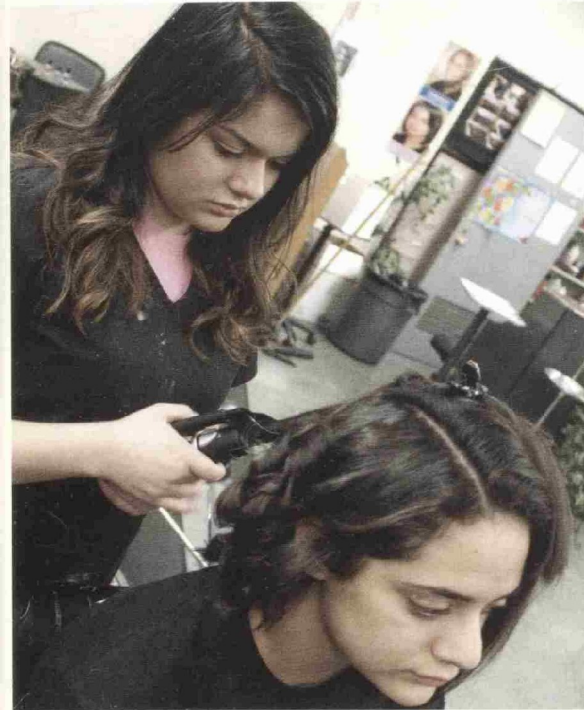
# IN Training

## Area Career Center

The Area Career Center is where juniors and seniors get to do hands on training and get a head start on their future. After sending an application and being accepted, students get to chose from cosmetology, criminal justice, Auto technology, welding and much more! Graduating students get college credits and some even leave with a license to work. The students also get to compete in Skills U.S.A. The

students compete with other schools and those that win go to state. Faith DuVall (11) is one of many students going to state on April 15th and 16th. DuVall said "I couldn't have done it without my friends and family. They boosted my spirits and are the reason I'm going to state!" Doing half a day at ACC and a half a day at their home school, students get to learn about their future career and go to school to get their high school education.

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**Cosmetology** Brianna Baca (11) practiced spiral curls on a classmate, Zainab Suboh (11). Photo Credits: Faith Duvall **Making Sparks Fly** Tristan Spiegel (12) welded a plate together in his welding class. Photo Credit: Zaiab Suboh **Practice Makes Perfect** Emari Myles (11) worked on tight dutch braids on a manikin head. Photo Credits: Zainab Suboh



# IN The Classroom

## TEACHER IN TRAINING

The course to be enrolled in with education as a future plan is Cadet Teaching with Mrs. Brenda Richardson. It is an excellent program where students can learn, teach students and receive hands on experience in a variety of classroom settings. The knowledge and expertise gathered from working side by side with teachers first hand is extremely valuable. This program is a lot of fun but it does require quite a bit of work on the student's part. Being accepted into the program after a thorough application and interview process could help you take that next big leap towards your future. Brittany Cruz (11) states, that "This program taught me what running a classroom could and will be like when I become a teacher. Other students can use this to determine if education is something they want for a career or not." The cadets have many responsibilities while in the classroom; they educate the students, make sure the students complete their work, stay on task, and also make sure they have good conduct everyday. While they spend time at our local elementary schools, they get to make a large impact on our younger Highland students.

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**Can You Help Me?** Joshua Almazan (12) assists students with a math problem they were struggling with. Photo Credit by: Samantha Bugno **Homework Time** Sarah Williams (11) passes out the students homework for the day. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno



**Follow Along** Leading the student along in the activity, Brittany Cruz (11) points out the directions for the student to follow. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno **Can I ask a Question?** Rebecca Klacik (12) walks over to a student who is raising their hand for help. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno







**Small Group Work** Yulissa Rios (12) works on morning work with a small group within her classroom learning first hand what it takes to work directly with children.

Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno **Paying Attention**

Lilliana Avina (12) watches over the students making sure they are doing their work. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno

**Spelling Practice** Sara Gordon (12) is in the hearts of her first grade class, and helps so many excel in spelling. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno



The hands on experience from working with the students and getting into the classroom right away is a huge benefit of this program.

**NICK  
LEWANDOWSKI**

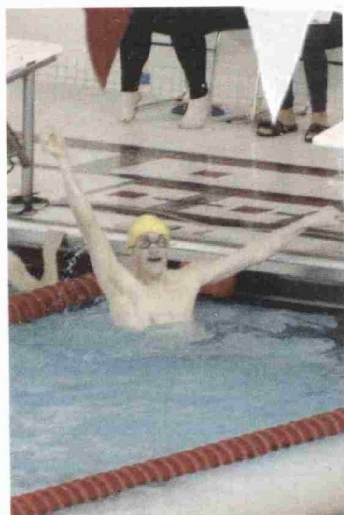
**Reading Time** Nicole Russell (11) is sitting in circle time with the kids helping them understand the book that they just read. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno

**Transitioning** LaDeja Gamble (12) finishes one subject and moves to a different one. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno

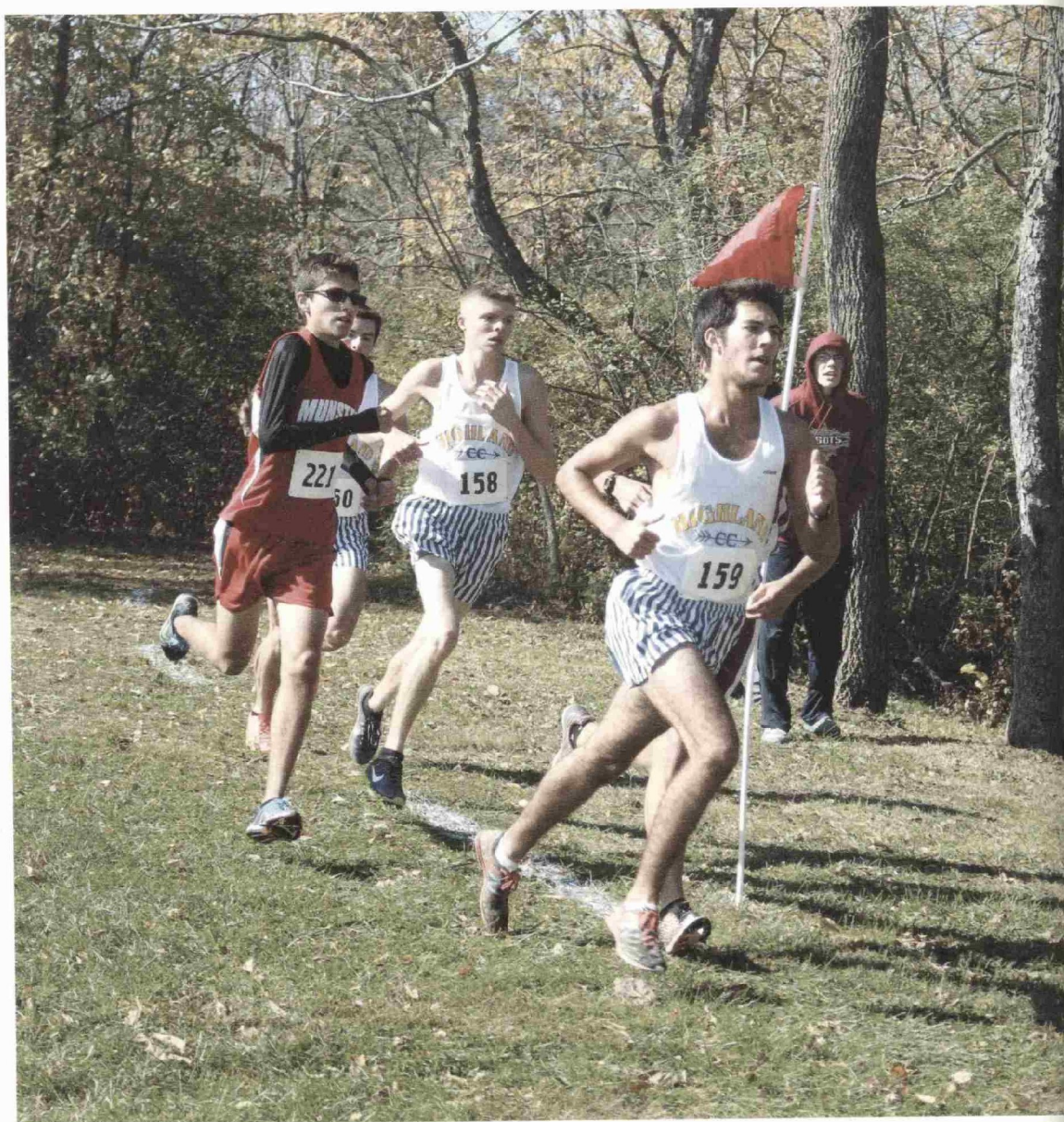


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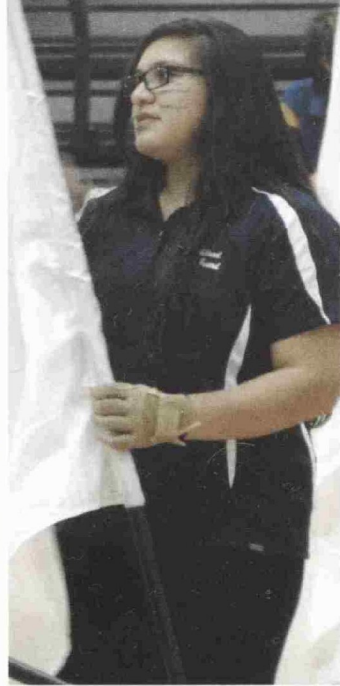
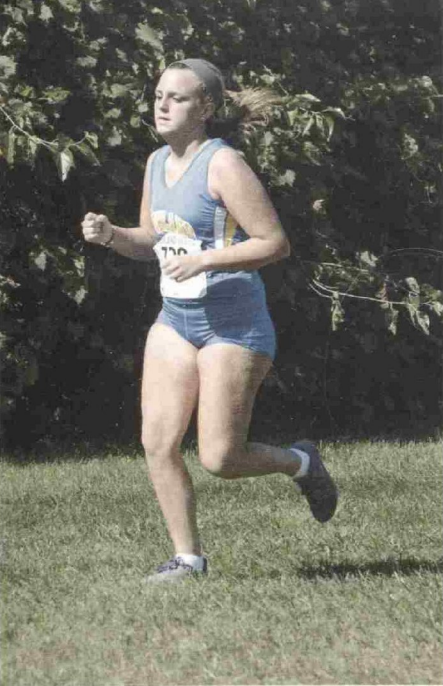
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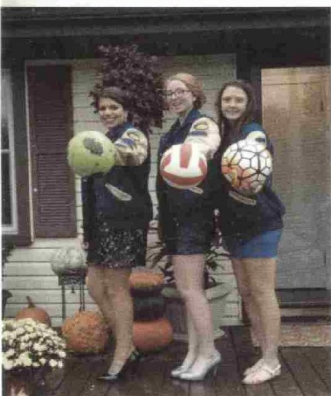
**Invitational** Austin Guerra (12) lead the boys cross country team around the course at Lemon Lake Park. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Victorious** Alexander Melby (9) beat his time at the conference meet. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **One Team** The football team gathered on the field for a pregame chant to let their enthusiasm be heard. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **Competition** Maxmillian Tank (10) sprinted past his opponent from Munster to win the 200 meter race. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim



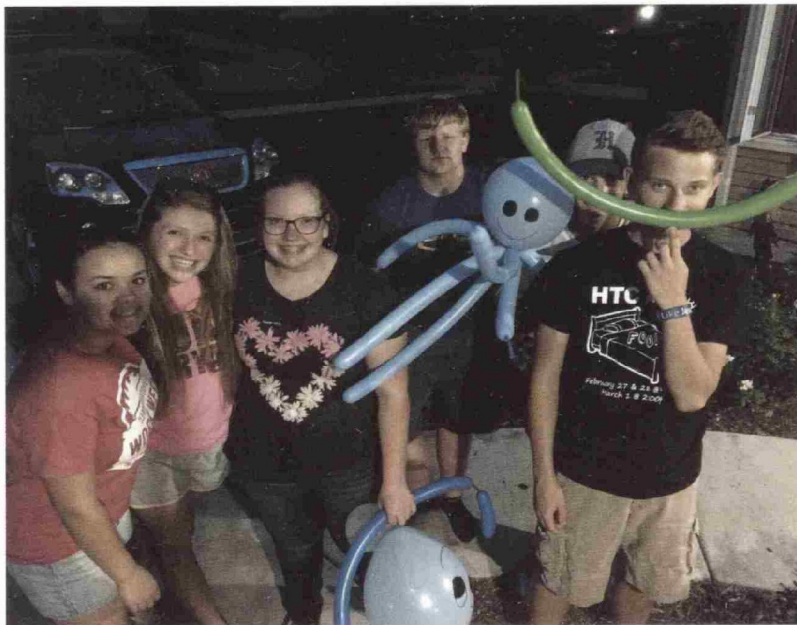




**Run Through Pain** Bailey Whitehead (12) worked to finish her senior cross country season. Photo Provided by Linkiewicz family **New Things to Try** High school offered a new opportunity with color guard auditions for freshmen. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Quick Defense** Griffin Grider (12) used his quickness to develop a fundamentally strong defense. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **More Than Sports** Foreign language clubs offered students more opportunities to get involved in school wide activities. Photo Credit: John O'Connor



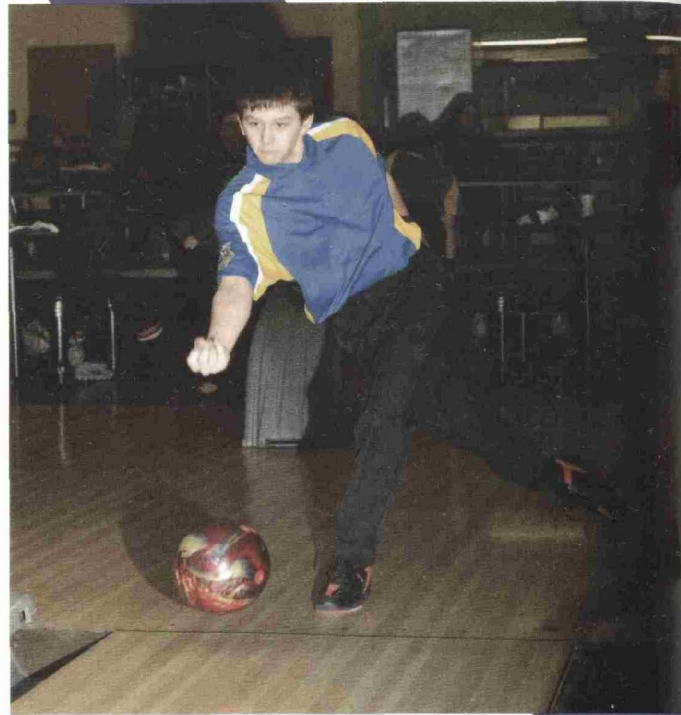
**Soccer Love** Even in formal attire, these juniors expressed their love for soccer. Photo Provided by Madeline Revercomb **Float Building** Underwater creatures were added to the sophomore float. Photo Provided by Mrs. Cotner





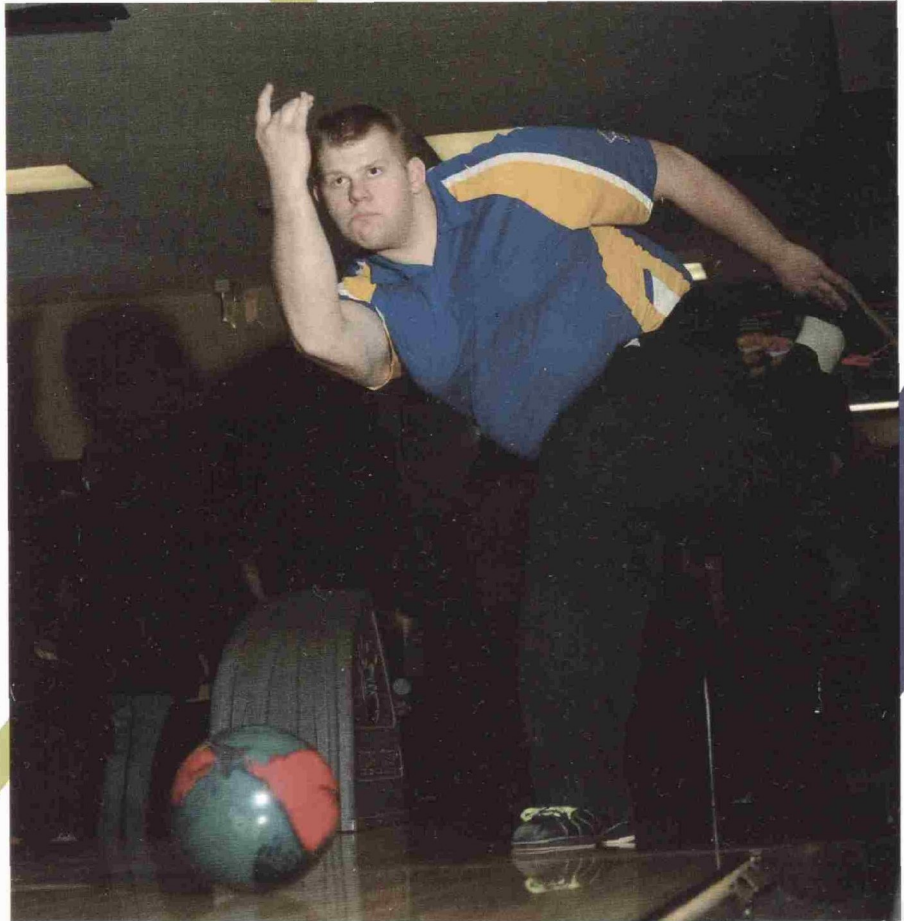
**Lead Off** Christopher Houk (9) sets the tone for the Trojans bowling his first frame of the match. Photo Provided by Shield

**Seniors** In their final season Bailey Whitehead (12) and Lindsey Norton (12) maintain a strong average through the regular season. Photo Provided by Bailey Whitehead



**Post Season Bowling At Sectionals**, Johnny Lozano (12) gets inspired before the tournament begins. Photo Provided by Jonathan Bugno

**Anchor** Jonathan Bugno (12) focuses on throwing a solid first shot for a successful game. Photo Provided by Shield





# BOWLING ADVENTURES

## IN the Alley

### Pins Fall



The funniest moment was when I slipped and fell on my approach during our sectional match.

KEVIN TOMLINSON

When we were at regionals we had a blast pretending that our bowling balls were pool balls.

LEXIE REYES



Being able to be with friends was my favorite thing about bowling. I also enjoy the game of bowling, so it was a great season.

TROY JANK

Bowling my first 200 in a varsity match was my favorite memory of this bowling season.

MADELYN GARCIA



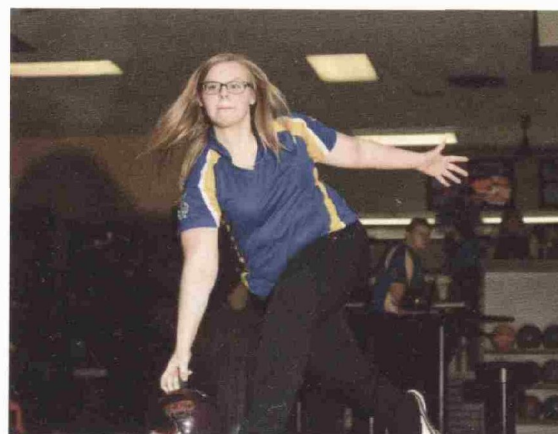
A good season was had by both girls and boys bowling teams. At the start of the season they both had some trouble winning the matches as they had planned when they were practicing. Towards the middle of the season things changed direction and the team started to pull in some wins. At the girls last match of the regular season they took an incredible victory over Lake Central and claimed second place in their conference. In post season the boys team was on fire and made it to regionals as a team and with Jonathan Bugno (12) as an individual. Even though the girls fell a little short, they made it to regionals on the wild card. As a team the girls team season ended at regionals, they sent Sara Finke (10) on to semi-state and Lindsey Norton (12) on to state to end a great season. PAGE BY: *Samantha Bugno*



**Prepared** The boys look to the lanes as they prepare for their match. Photo Provided by Jonathan Bugno



**Approach** Faith Zimmerman (10) sets up for a solid shot. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Bowler of the Year** Lindsey Norton (12) was named Northwest Indiana Female Bowler of the Year with her state run in her final year. Photo Provided by Shield **Second in Line** Samantha Bugno (10) threw a 220 high at Dyer Stardust during her sophomore season. Photo Provided by Shield





**Changing Flags** Margaret Hanvey (9) picks up the second flag in the routine for Aurora and maneuvers her way back into position. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Disney Trip** The guard girls along with Coach Hires visit Anna during their visit to Magic Kingdom for Not So Scary party. Photo Provided by Marching Trojan Pride

**Half-time** Performances at each home football game in the fall season helped a rookie color guard adjust to being in front of an audience prior to their weekly Saturday competitions. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Introducing Aurora** The Color Guard carries their flags and ribbons as The Marching Trojan Pride enter the field for scholastic competition. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Learning the Drill** While learning the drill for Aurora, the guard needed to move amongst the other members of the band while twirling their flags. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Drop Spins** After doing countless repeats in practice, Keri Clark (9) nails her routine at the final performance of her introductory season. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



## INto Flag Drops & Spins





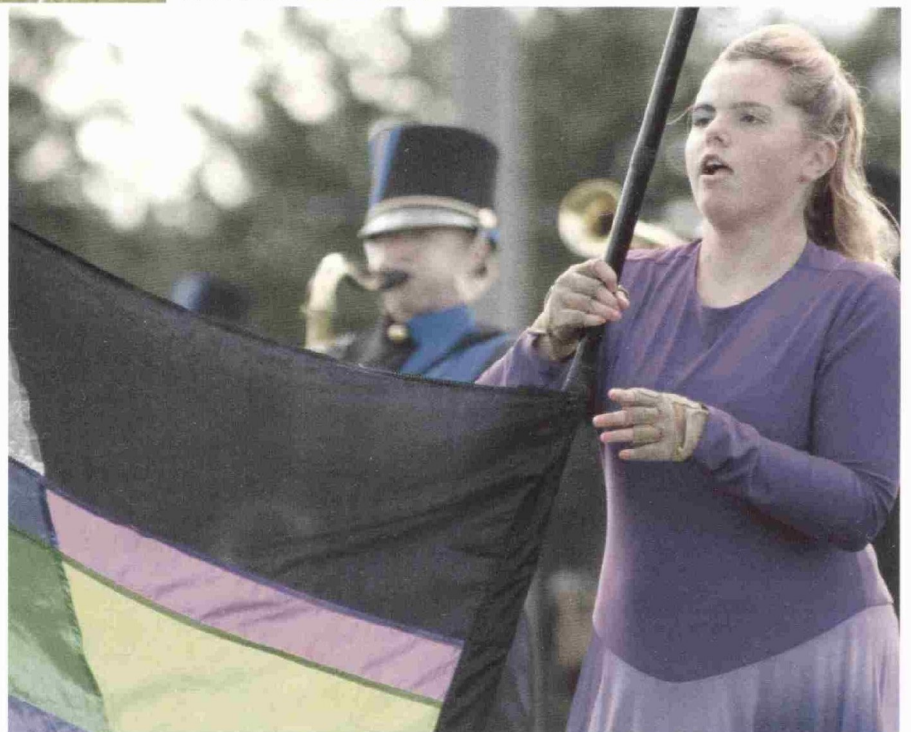
**Captain** Melanie Perez (11) performs in The Marching Trojan Pride's performance of Aurora at the Kankakee Valley Scholastic Marching Competition. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Homecoming Pep Rally**  
The flags were tossed and twirled during the playing of the school song by Celena Alvarez (11). Photo Credit Mrs. Sherri Ralph

Color Guard took a new shape this year, and it was larger. With ten girls preparing for marching season from spring and through summer, the flags were spinning through the heat and bright sun. With only two returning members, new coach and instructor, Miss Emily Hires had to work with her rookie group to develop an understanding of terminology and technique. Fourth of July parades in Highland, Griffith and Munster were introduced with constant repetition of choreography, but the transition to marching season required more memorization of a much longer routine. In and out of band members with flags or ribbons throughout the introduction, the ballad and the closer took a toll on some members. However, earning golds and achievements made all of the hours worth while. To complete the season three of the guard members traveled to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida over Fall Break to march down Main Street in Mickey's Parade. Twirling in front of an audience of thousands was as big as it could get. Receiving their "ears" that were gifted to them and dressing up for Mickey's Not So Scary night were memories to never be forgotten. Color Guard enjoyed the new shape that they took in this year.

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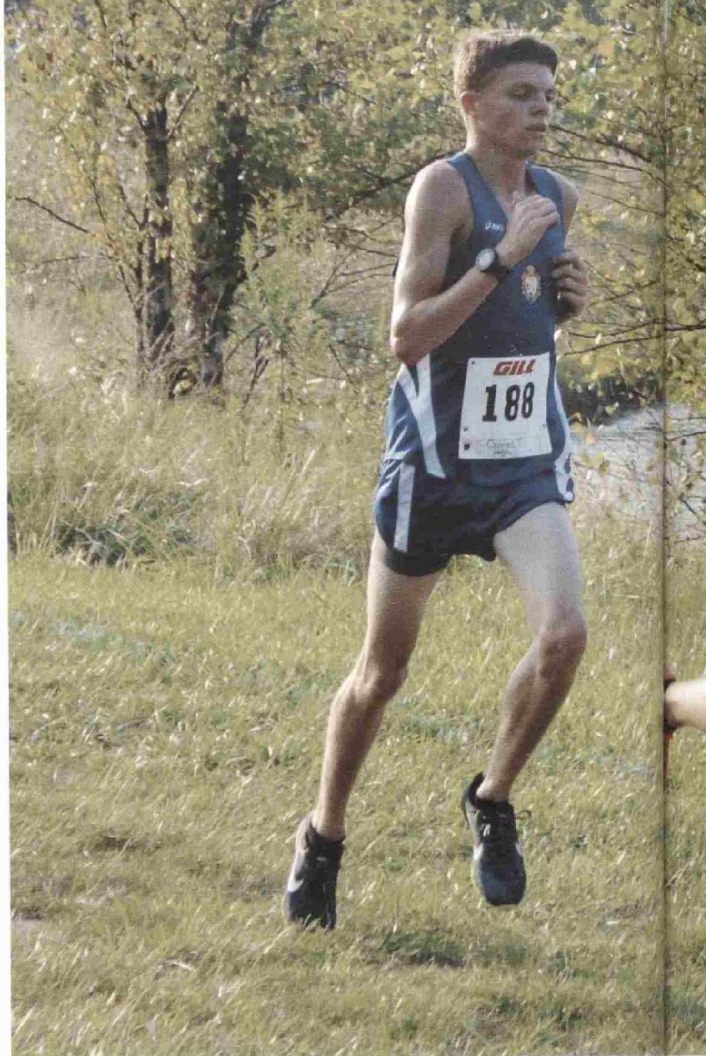




### Running from the heart

Beating his father's best time was Austin Guerra's (12) goal for the season. He met that goal at the New Prairie Invitational. Picture by Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Keeping the score low** Graem Stickann (10) works diligently to stay ahead of Lowell who brought tough competition for the year. Photo credit: Hollie Skinner



## INternal Motivation

There were many summer mornings spent meeting at the High School Track to begin summer conditioning. With three seniors leading the group with developing team bonding between a group of sixteen high school boys, there was a lot of fun to be had. Inside Coach Rob Lukowski mind was a desire to have the team finish its season on October 31, 2015 at the State Championship meet. As the weeks passed on and season officially started, work outs became more intense. Duration of runs became longer. Sprint repeats and ladders were scheduled into the week. With clear goals of splits set by Coach Lukowski, the boys were able to improve their times and develop their endurance to beat the competition. The NCC Conference meet held a

fourth place finish for the boys. It was disappointing to lose to rival, Munster. However this lit a fire inside for the varsity boys so that they could improve their place at Sectionals. As the post season took the team back to New Prairie for the Semi State race, the time spent preparing for this huge event was nothing but history. All that mattered was the finish. Tristen Comer (11) stated, "I was focused on helping the team obtain a better overall place while not drifting away from Coach's plan. I ran my best course time through the snake pit and up agony hill." Unfortunately, the seven fell short of advancing on to the state meet. However, personal records and achieving goals made the season worthwhile. The blue striped shorts

took this team farther than just a run. They inspired each boy, Junior Varsity and Varsity to push themselves past their limits. D.J Mendoza (9) stated "While running in a race, you try to challenge yourself and progressively get faster, but during that time if you are in pain you are mentally thinking to yourself, I can't do this, I do not want to do this, I just want to give up and stop. But you never do stop because you are physically telling yourself, 'I can do this, I have to do this, I can make it to the finish line, then I can stop,' because of the support I had from my teammates and friends." To confirm these feelings, Ryan Fiegle (12) stated, "I used to run just for the exercise, but later on I stayed in the sport because my teammates treated me like family."

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**Who Takes the Lead** Fighting for the top spot, Tristen Comer (11) and Michael Kristy (12) pace each other to finish strong. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner

**Together** Although it seems like an individual sport, Cross Country takes team work to see success. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Change of Sport** Logan Andreatta (10) caught on to the sport quick during his first season. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner

**Finish Strong** Crossing the finish line side by side, Estevan Ramirez (10) and Edward Pedroza (10) find success together by improving their times. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner



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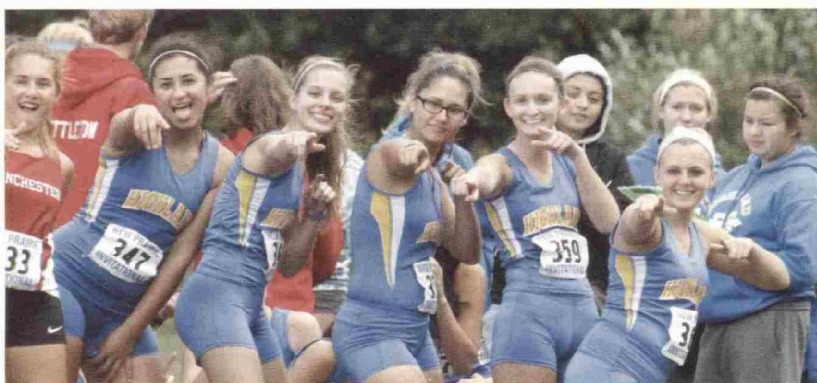
**Get Excited** Senior Captain, Michael Kristy (12) leads the boys team in the traditional chant prior to start of Sectionals where the boys placed third as a team. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



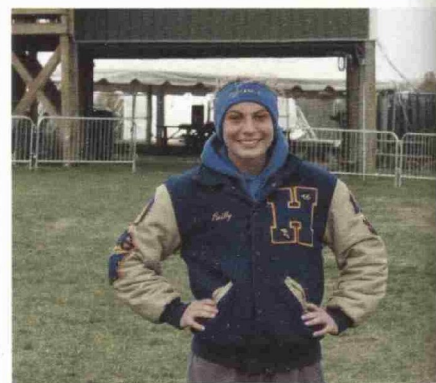


# Success

**Living the Dream** Reilly Panozzo (11) began the season with the intent of breaking nineteen minutes. Panozzo did just that, and was able to qualify for State. Photo Provided by Shield **Qualifying Runners** Both Panozzo (11) and Leah Clark (11) were able to advance to the semi state meet. Photo Credit: Shield **Sticking Together** Staying in a pack helped Varsity runners pace each other throughout the season. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner



**Seniors Having Fun** Running their final race at the New Prairie Invitational gave this group of seniors the opportunity to have fun in the snake pit. Photo Provided by Shield **Determined** After three months stuck to a bike due to stress fractures, Kimberly Betustak (12) returned to running never letting go of her varsity spot. Photo Provided by Betustak family



**State Runner** Panozzo (11) finished the state meet with a time of 19:43. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



# IN Stride



## Hard Work Pays Off

There were nine seniors that had high hopes that their final season with Mrs. Belli as their coach would be one to remember. When news surfaced that she was leaving for a new job, the girls were in need of someone new to fill that position. With goals of taking a team to semi state, the girls remained mentally ready to make the dream happen with a strong group of leadership in the captains. Kimberly Betustak (12) stated, "I'm thankful I was able to fully heal so that I could lead the team to end my cross country career." Coach Sherri Ralph explained that she "was proud of the team because they were able to dedicate themselves to working hard to meet personal bests. We had five girls from this current team to make the Top 10 overall times for Highland's cross country team because of their hard work." Moving into the post season, the team maintained their goal to continue moving forward. Although the team did not make it out of Regionals, they did advance two juniors on as individuals. Leah Clark (11) was not able to race due to other school obligations, but said "my team mates pushed me this season to be better, and I didn't want to let them down." Lessons of teamwork and hard work will continue to echo with this group in all future endeavors. PAGE BY: *Mia Kinley*



**Together** The entire team gathers together after claiming second place at the first annual Dave Walker Invitational held at Hebron High School. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Effort equals Results** Morgan Vaclavik (12) puts in her miles around her studies and a lead role in the fall musical. Photo Provided by Linkiewicz family **Moving Up** Making the transition from middle school to high school sports was something that Gloria Linkiewicz (9) took in stride. Photo Provided by Linkiewicz family. **Sisters Stick Together** Chloe Rivera (11) and Annabelle Rivera (10) come into the final stretch of the home course at the Highland Invite. Photo Provided by Linkiewicz family **Finish Strong** Lauren Toth (11) crosses the finish line at the Hobart Invitational. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner





# Put the Golf Ball IN The Hole

## Few in Number but Mighty in Their Swing

Golf season brought many hard challenges for the Lady Trojans; however, the small group of girls were able to make many good memories along their travels. With a strong set of golfers, the season was predicted to be successful. When varsity golfer Kylie Richardson (10) was placed on the injured list due to a car accident, the team knew that each girl needed to step up their golf game. While returning golfers had their sights set on reaching goals, it was a team effort to help improve the games of younger golfers as well. Captain, Brooke Rycerz (12) shared her thoughts on her final season as positive ones. Rycerz said her favorite memory with the team was, "The bus rides always made me cheer up, or dread it [matches] even more, but either way we still had a lot of good times telling stories, laughing, and hanging out with each other. I will always remember my teammates and friends on the team, Mr. Rich (Coach Daniel Richardson) on his golf cart looking for lost golf balls along with all of his stories, and meeting the other people from the different teams." Number one golfer, Emily Smith (12) advanced to regionals to close her high school career. Smith said, "Advancing to the post season was something that I have been working for four years. When the time came to step up to the plate and score well, I was able to do it. It felt amazing to achieve something I have wanted for so long. Of course, Mr. Rich was by my side helping me the entire way, and the team was very supportive and made golf fun. But golf is something that my father and I have always shared and it felt amazing to make him proud."

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**Regional Qualifier** Top senior golfer, Emily Smith (12) made her way through the regular season and into the playoffs. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Try for a Birdie** Aiming for one under par, Karli Byrd (9) takes her second stroke on hole 1 at Wicker Park. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Newcomer** Carlyn Stone (9) hits the ball off into the sunset at a home match in early fall. Photo Credit: John O'Connor

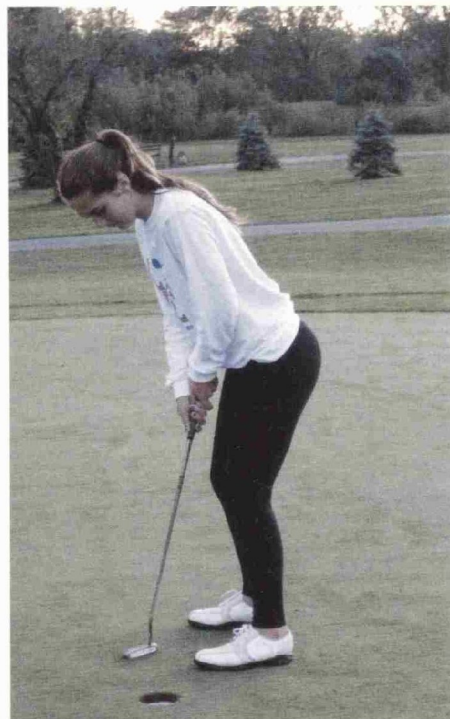


# STUDENT FEATURE



## KYLIE RICHARDSON

"The first golf match of the year I was able to earn a score of 46 against Griffith. I was named as the medalist of the match. A few hours after my match, I was rear ended when driving home. That car accident ended my golf season. It was frustrating for me to be on the sidelines because I love to golf and the recovery process was a long one. Missing out on playing along side the three seniors was upsetting."



**Leadership** Brooke Rycerz (12) commits her senior year to serve as Captain of the team. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **On the Green** Another young golfer, Avaleigh Mazur (9) tips her ball from the green into the cup. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Most Improved** Working her way up the ranks, Jenna Gericke (12) improves her golf game while serving as a team captain. Photo Credit: John O'Connor



# Believe in Team

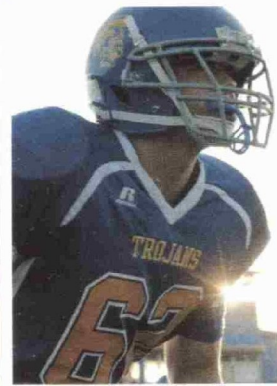
**All State** Lineman Luke Podgorny (12) was named to the All State team. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **Faster** Andrew Carstensen (11) runs past his defender. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **Line** Ethan Barlett (12) plays the defensive line against the Pioneers. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **Hold On** Shawn Rogers (11) hangs on tight to the ball during a run. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **Celebration** The fans celebrate beating Andean with the team. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



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**Kick for a Field Goal** Andrew Kinley (12) snaps the ball for Alec Foundos (12) to try for a field goal for the Trojans.



**Touchdown** Caydon Hillegonds (12) is greeted by teammates after scoring against Andean. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Scramble** Conditioning played a factor in the play of the Trojans making them faster, bigger and stronger. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Warm Up** Kyle Foster (11) takes the field with the Trojans for stretches and warm ups. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



# Past the Goal LINE



## Making a Name

As usual, the program had high expectations for the season. The amount of seniors at the Varsity level meant that the need for success was in great demand. Building a program was not first on the priority list though. The stability built over previous years meant that the team could focus on staking claim in the region. "We wanted to start strong in the NCC conference against Munster. We wanted to take ownership of the bridge," Griffin Grider (12) exclaimed. Although the team lost to the Mustangs on the road, they rebounded well when they faced the Niners of Andean at home. Down 20-29, Caydon Hillegonds (12) caught a pass for a touchdown to bring the crowd to their feet. In the next possession, Hunter Rycerz (12) scrambled on a long run for a Trojan touchdown to put blue & gold on top. Beating Andean was a definite highlight of the season. Finishing the season with a loss in the first round of sectionals was gut wrenching because, "my days of being a part of the team are over. However, being a part of this team allowed me to become a better athlete and build friendships with my teammates," Andrew Kinley (12) said. Two seniors were named to the IFCA All State Team in the post season. Luke Podgorny (12) and Dylan Whitehead (12) were voted in by a panel of coaches from across the state for their performance.



**"Being named to the IFCA All State Team was reward for showing up everyday and working hard. My individual goal was to make it to this elite team a second year in a row."**  
**Luke Podgorny (12)**



**Victory** The sidelines erupt as the Trojans score to take the lead against Andean. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Look to Score** The offense sets up to move the ball down the field for a first down. Photo Credit: John O'Connor  
**Captains Take the Field** With former Trojan football coaches, Mr. Brad Smith and Mr. Dave Shelborne, the captains head out for the coin toss. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Line of Strength** The offensive line is ready to protect quarterback, Hunter Rycerz (12) from the Panthers.  
**Intensity** Players have built up a desire to be known as the competition with a high level of intensity. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph





**Kick Hard** Donald Toweson (11) kicked the ball out of the defensive end of the field to his teammates as Eric Wood (11) looked on.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Defense** Kyler Tanis (9), a strong defender did not let much past him this season. Collectively, the defense benefited from the new transformation. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



## IN The Pipes

### Game by Game

A focus of taking the season one game at a time was the initial idea for the soccer program, and one that was able to hold on throughout the season. Eric Davalos (12) said, "This is probably the best season we have had in years. The team chemistry was there, and individuals were able to step into roles with a very positive mentality." With the focus and ongoing intensity, the team was able to have a successful season. Brandon Burbridge (12) said, "In

previous years people were more worried about their individual stats. As a team we were able to get along and mesh, there was no worry about doing what was best for the team." The record showed that the Trojans won many games and beat out many teams to advance to sectionals. A highlight of the season for Coach Pere Dorsuleski was the Crown Point game. "Our players stepped up to play with each other. We changed our formation this

season, and this particular game our guys were able to work together to shut out Crown Point. While our defense worked hard to stop them, our offense joined in on assisting in stops on top of scoring." The difference between previous seasons was a great one. The 2015 season focused on setting goals and working toward them on a daily basis. By dedicating themselves to the team, each member learned a valuable life lesson. PAGE BY: *Mia Kinley*







**Keeper of the Goal** Evan Hillier (12) lined up to put the ball back into play for the Trojans. Photo Credit: John O'Connor .  
**Offensive Movement** Darnell Harwood (10) paced himself as the Crown Point defense came near. Photo Credit: John O'Connor  
**Foreign Presence** Exchange student, Maxmillian Tank (10) brought a love of soccer with him from Germany and shared it with his new teammates. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Teamwork** Mitchell Moynihan (11) worked with teammates Brandon Burbridge (12) and Eric Wood (11) to get the ball away from Crown Point. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**The Wants of the Few Can  
Never Outweigh  
the Needs of the Many.**





# Wanting to WIN

## Individual Sport Focus

The overall goal of having a winning season was evident within the girls soccer program. With individuals dedicating their training to the lone sport of soccer, the chance was high for the Lady Trojans. Madeline Revercomb (11) stated, "We have always had girls within the program focus on one sport, but it was different this year." Morgan Pickens (12) was ready for the success not only for herself, but for the entire program. Pickens said, "Collectively the team gelled together even though it was a struggle being predominately young. I was devastated when I tore my ACL against Griffith in the regular season. I had a lot of confidence in my teammates, though, that they would finish the season strong." As the team moved into the post season the confidence became contagious. Sarah Wagner (10) commented, "My greatest memory was definitely beating our rival, the Griffith Panthers, in sectionals after losing to them in the regular season." When time elapsed with the Lady Trojans on the losing end, the girls were able to walk off the field knowing that their play had improved over the course of the season. PAGE BY: *Tyler Potesta*

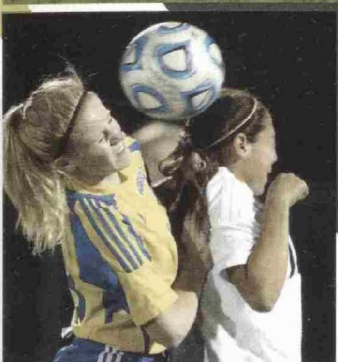


**Pre Game Pep Talk** The varsity team circles up for the captains to provide a pre-game motivational speech. Photo Credit: John O'Connor

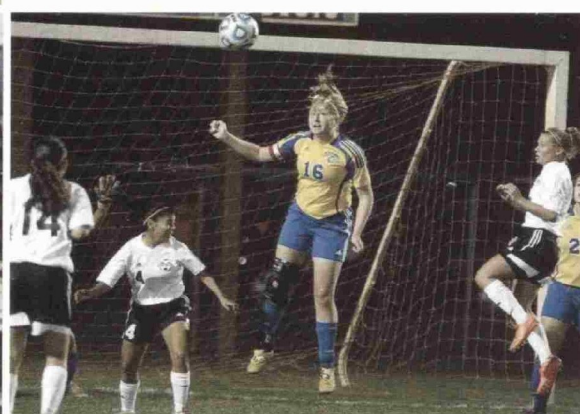




**Looking to Score** Kayla Polen (9) takes on a varsity offensive position with the intent of helping the Lady Trojans score. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Game Review** Coach Gordon Walker reflects on the scouting report in a pre-game huddle. Photo Provided by Madeline Revercomb



**Trap the Ball** Sarah Wagner (10) works to trap the ball on the field. Photo Provided by Madeline Revercomb **Possession of the Ball** Madeline Revercomb (11) kicks the ball away from the opposing team. Photo Provided by Madeline Revercomb.



**Taking Her Sister's Role** With a torn ACL, Mackenzie Pickens (9) had to step into her sisters position to finish the season. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Protecting the Goal** Emma LaBounty (12) protects the goal for the Lady Trojans. Photo Provided by Madeline Revercomb







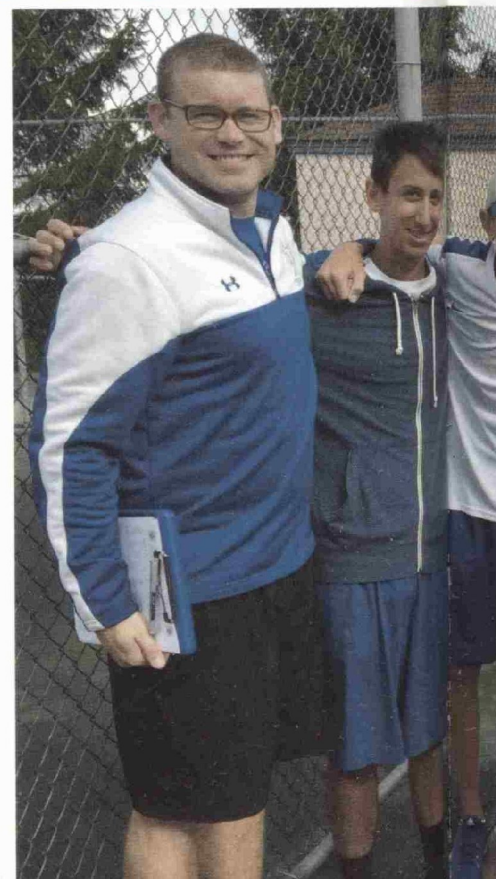
# LovING the Game

## Summer Practice Brought Growth

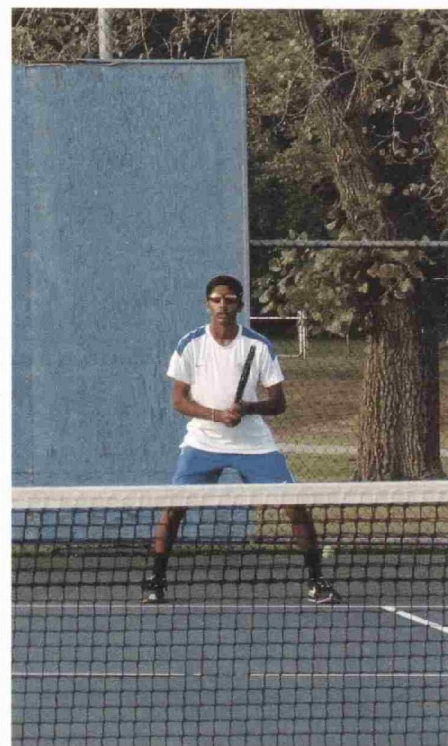
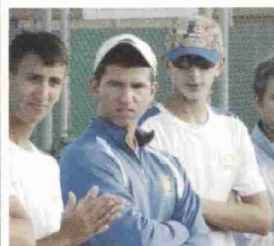
An excellent and outstanding season was produced through hard work and dedication by the boys tennis team. Finishing the season strong with 10-7 (Varsity) and 13-3 (Junior Varsity) Coach Jordan Heckard said, "I feel like we did well this year." Coach Heckard indicated that their hard work showed during the off season. Matthew Cotner (10) dedicated his summer to improving his tennis game, and spent many hours on the court hitting. Cotner played number one singles over the course of the season as a result. To get ready for matches, the boys would practice on the court as they mentally prepared themselves for the upcoming tournaments. Coach Heckard's most

exciting moment of the season was when the team played the tournament in Merrillville as they finished in third place out of the eight competing teams. Placing third was a great accomplishment for the team because they have not placed this high within the last three years. Coach Heckard said, "We had everyone play that night and we are happy that we got third place." The boys tennis team has improved mentally and physically. Senior Tyler Betustak (12) mentioned, "Improving over the last few years feels pretty good. The team works hard, especially with Coach Heckard." The team plans to work harder next season by dedicating themselves to the game.

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**Together** Senior tennis players celebrate a season and career well done. Photo Provided by Cotner Family **Carry the Load** Teammates help carry each other on and off the court. Photo Provided by Cotner Family **Number 2 Singles** Tyler Betustak (12) looks on during lineups for his competition. Photo Provided by Cotner Family **Power Swing** Zachary Vassar (12) puts full force into his swing in a match at home. Photo Provided by Cotner Family **Doubles Partner** Meet Patel (9) waits for his opponents to return the ball that his partner sent over. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Sportsmanship** With respect, Fernando Gutierrez (12) shakes the hand of his opponent at his senior night. Photo Provided by Cotner Family



## Return the Serve

**Varsity** The varsity group celebrates a win with a group shot. Photo Provided by Cotner Family **Number One** Matthew Cotner (10) works to return a serve on the Trojans home court. Photo Provided by Cotner Family







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With two new coaches this season, we were pushed harder than we were in the past. We were able to go four games with Munster which was huge.



**Taking a Set** Hannah Starceвич (11) sent off a set to outside hitter Elizabeth Hoffman (11). Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Attacks** Danielle Sorrell (12) prepared for a hit. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Serving Strong** Hannah Starceвич (11) sent a forceful serve over to her opponent to receive. Photo Credit: John O'Connor



# IN With A New Coach

## Reaching for Goals

Varsity Volleyball was able to build up a winning record during the fall of 2015.

"Juniors and seniors stepped up a lot this season to fill shoes after four key players graduated last spring. Taylor Steele (11) was able to fill in for the middle hitter position and really excelled in this spot. Paige Stange (12) and Hannah Starceвич (11) moved into the starting varsity rotation and were able to complete tasks that the team needed to be done," stated Danielle Sorrell (12). Moving more players to the varsity level this year required a higher intensity

demand by Coach Megan Egert. The effort that needed to be brought out at each practice allowed the entire team to see the potential that this group held inside. Beating teams such as Hanover Central and Whiting in five games made a huge psychological impact on the team moving into the post season. "It was sad to see the season end, but I'm glad we accomplished our team goals," said Sorrell. The Lady Trojans ended their season in a tough loss to a strong Munster team.

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**Over the Net** Taylor Steele (11) sent a soft hit over the net that her opponents missed. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Going for a Spike** With great effort, Elizabeth Hoffman (11) took an approach for a hit. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Heads Up!** As Danielle Fowler (11) passed the ball to Hannah Starceвич (12) hitters Kassidy Morinville (11) and Taylor Steele (11) got in position to prepare for a big hit. Photo Credit: John O'Connor **Concentration** Taylor Steele (11) and Elizabeth Hoffman (11) prepared themselves for their opponent's attack. Photo Credit: John O'Connor





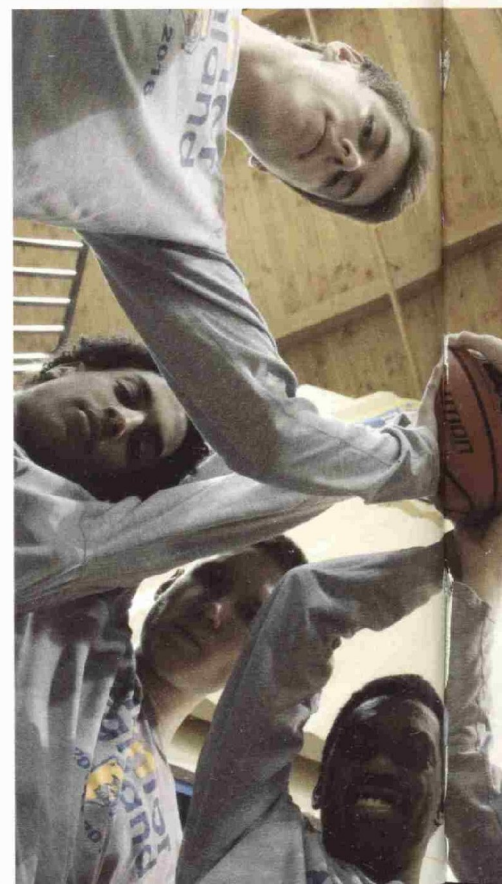
# IN Progress

## The Highland Way

With a record of five wins and nineteen losses, the Trojans did not appear to have much growth; however, when you look at the roster of mostly freshman and sophomores playing against developed programs with more experienced varsity players, the five and nineteen does not sound all that bad. The Trojans learned how to develop together as the season progressed. Coach Jordan Heckard said, "It was nice to win three out of four down the stretch in February. We were down by ten with three minutes remaining against Gavitt. Tyler Scheidt (9) had a big dunk that helped us pull ahead for a win. It would have been nice to win in front of our home crowd, but I'm glad we pulled it off." Nicholis Thompson (10)

said, "I may not be the most skilled player on the team; however, I bring a lot of energy that my teammates feed off of." When the Trojans pulled what was thought to be a great sectional draw for the first round in Gary West Side, overall hopes were high for the Trojans. Joshua Gunderson (11) led the team with eighteen points against the Cougars even though he sat for a majority of the second half due to foul trouble. Darnell Harwood (11) was a huge utility player during the game, and Zachary Petraitis (12) was a force in the post. Unfortunately, due to the foul trouble and missed baskets, advancing on escaped their reach.

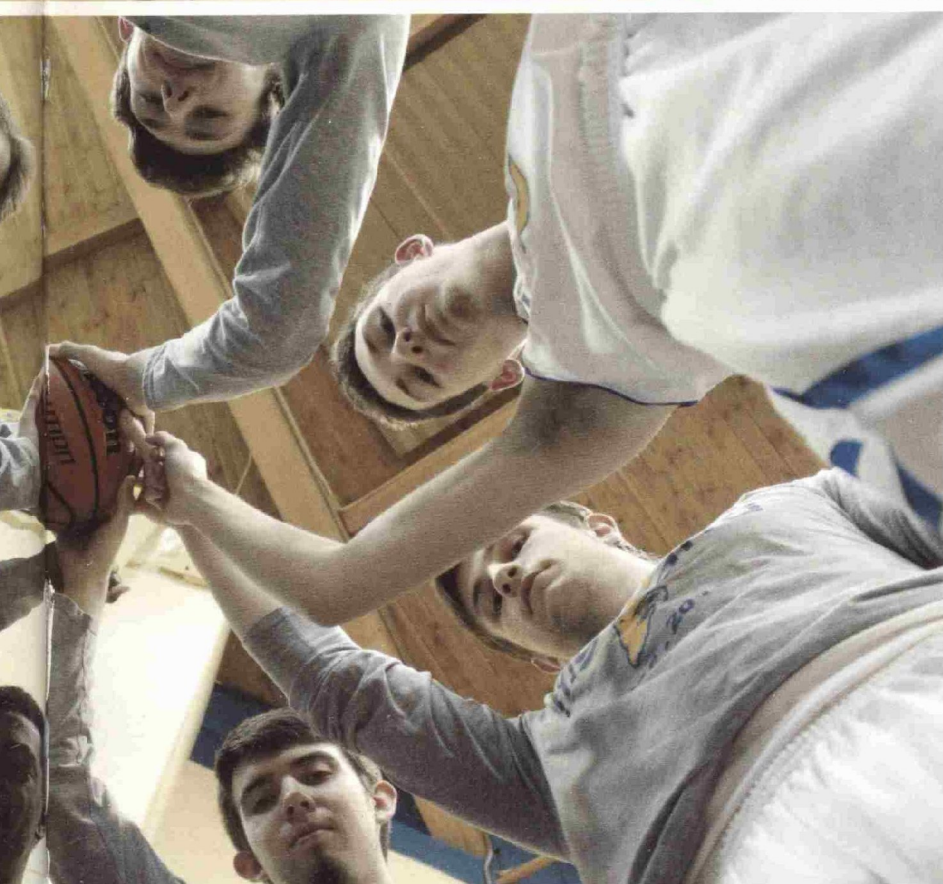
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**Rookie MVP** Issac Sytsma (9) stepped into a high profile position and was the Trojans leading scorer for the year. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Playing Point** Joshua Gunderson (11) pushed the ball up the floor. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Protect the Lane** Dakota Wallace (12) stayed in a defensive position and kept Merrillville players out of the lane. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Go Baseline** Tyler Scheidt (9) drove to the corner and pushed Bradley Reynolds (10) to the baseline for a pass. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Don't Stop Me** Nicholas Thompson (10) drove the lane with his ferocious attitude that opponents had a hard time containing. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Free Throws** Zachary Petraitis (12) focused on helping the Trojans from the stripe. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Reserve Getting Time** Darnell Harwood (11) played some key moments throughout the season that assisted the Trojans in their efforts. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



## Building a Program

**The Highland Way** The varsity team gathered together for a pre-game talk and reminded themselves to focus on the game. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**1,000 Point Club** Taylor Steele (11) scored her 1,000th point at Griffith High School on January 19, 2016. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Defense** Brittany Raab (12) works to keep her player out of the lane. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Senior Leader** Wilore Piguig (12) meets the starting line up with special greeting. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Point Guard** Jennifer Sheehan (10) looks to drive right around her defenders. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

## Trust IN Each Other Growing Together

Starting off the season on a 4-0 run was a fire that put all eyes on the Trojans. Beating non conference teams Bishop Noll, Chesterton, Hanover Central and Boone Grove set an initial tone heading into conference play. The goal to bring home an NCC conference title was alive until a loss to Kankakee Valley hit. Jennifer Sheehan (10) was voted as the most improved player which was evident each game as her presence as a guard was needed. Moving from limited playing time to remaining on the court for a large majority of 32 minutes was proof of her growth.

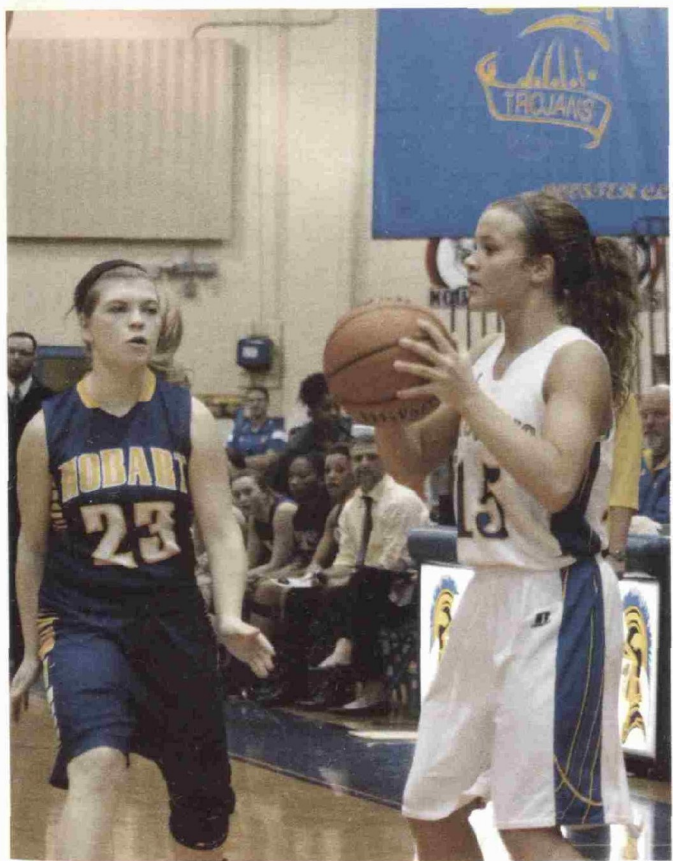
Taylor Steele (11) also had a high profile season. Making pre-season all area team as well as post season all area team were milestones. Although scouting reports focused on Steele, the team was able to balance the offense to find success throughout the season. While reporters focused on only wins and losses, this group was able to learn to trust in each other and have fun. Eleanor Morinville (12) said, "My favorite memory was when Kassidy (Morinville) (11) squirted water in Coach (Tracie) Mezera's face during a timeout."

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**Put Back** Kassidy Morinville (11), surrounded the Lake Central defenders, strives to put the ball into the hoop Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph





**Looking to Rebound** Although she is shorter than a majority of post players in the area, Eleanor Morinville (12) works to fight for position. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Corner Option** Danielle Fowler (11) looks on for an open teammate but is ready to drive off of an oncoming screen. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Teamwork** The starting five prepare for Lake Central to bring the ball up the floor. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



# Jump Right IN

## Looking for Continued Success

History of strong swimming was always a presence in the natatorium, and the continued growth of the legacy was expected throughout the season. With coaching changes on the swimming side by naming Coach Nick Castillo to head coach, a search for victories was in high demand for both swimmers and divers. The expectations were very high this year with the promising pre-season outlook. Coach Nick Castillo said, "We have a program for practice and stick to it. That

allowed us to get off to such a strong start. We were able to end the season 4th at sectionals, and it felt great to out swim Munster at state." Veteran swimmers such as Joshua Almazan (12) and Cristian Zendejas (11) were dedicated to see the legacy continue. Adding Griffin Grider's (12) desire to end his high school career with high scores and Ethan Churilla's (9) outstanding swim experience, there was more than enough inspiration for all.

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**In the Water** Hunter Reilly (10) swam the breast stroke at a home meet during the season. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Relay** Scott Stange (10) looked on as his teammate swam his leg of the 200 medley relay. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

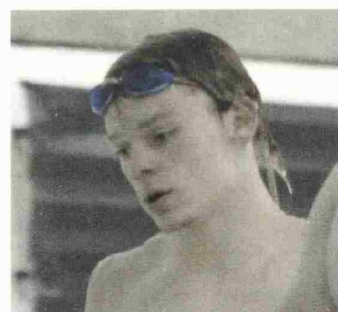
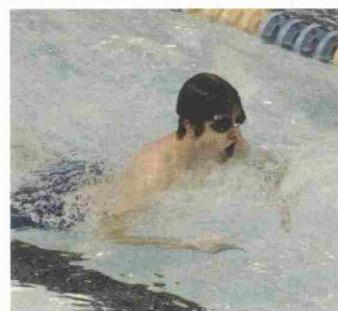


**Swimming Where Needed** Clayton Whiting (10) gave it his all in a freestyle race. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Breathe** William Lengel (12) raced through the 100 yard butterfly against the Chesterton Trojans. Photo Credit: Mrs.

Sherri Ralph **Diving on a Mission** Griffin Grider (12) spent his diving season focused on making it to the post season. Grider placed 14th at the Regional meet. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Learning the Ropes** Vicente Ayon (11) developed his forms of many new dives. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Quick Start** Edward Pedroza (10) jumped off the blocks with determination to have a good race. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Conference Efforts** Cristian Zendejas (11) took a leap off the block in hopes to perform well in his heat at Munster's Aquatic Center. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Relay Team** Ethan Morgan (10) entered the pool for his leg of the 200 freestyle relay. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Freshman on a Mission** Ethan Churilla (9) entered this season with a wealth of swimming experience that was able to catapult him into the finals of the state meet. Churilla placed 5th in the 50 freestyle and 8th in the 100 freestyle. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Just a Second for Air** Daniel Piech (10) pulled his way through a freestyle race. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph





# In the Waves

## Same Program, New Driving Force

With a new head and assistant coach as the driving force of the swim program, the Lady Trojans finished fourth in conference and seventh in sectionals where they achieved their best times. "It was tough to get use to a new coach my senior year," said Hanna Graves (12). The girls were glad to have a female coach to associate with in Assistant Coach Nathalie Rohling (Class of 2007.) Morgan Rose (10) and Grace Miedema (11) both agreed that having a female coach to balance the waves with hard challenges such as achieving goals, and to have someone to empathize with them was helpful this season. Although the team had low numbers, the girls were able to see success during the season like Rose who finished fourth in the 200 yard freestyle at sectionals. The relay teams surpassed expectations during preliminary heats, and were able to move to the finals. The competition faced was the strongest they faced all year. Coach Nick Castillo (Class of 2004) said, "This season was a very good learning and growing experience for everyone."

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**Relay Group** Reilly Henry (10) looked over for coaches comments to motivate her prior to her leg of the relay race. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Cheer Them On** A group of girls gathered to encourage their teammate on through their race. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Getting Ready** Paige Spiegel (10) took her mark swam back stroke. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Heat of the Race** Morgan Rose (10) swam breast stroke for the Lady Trojans. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Back to Swimming** After time off from swimming, Katherine Krick (10) returned to the pool and was a valuable asset to the team as the breast stroke swimmer. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Swim with Heart** Grace Miedema (11) swam breast stroke. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Ready to Race** Reilly Panozzo (11) got her thoughts together before entering the pool. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



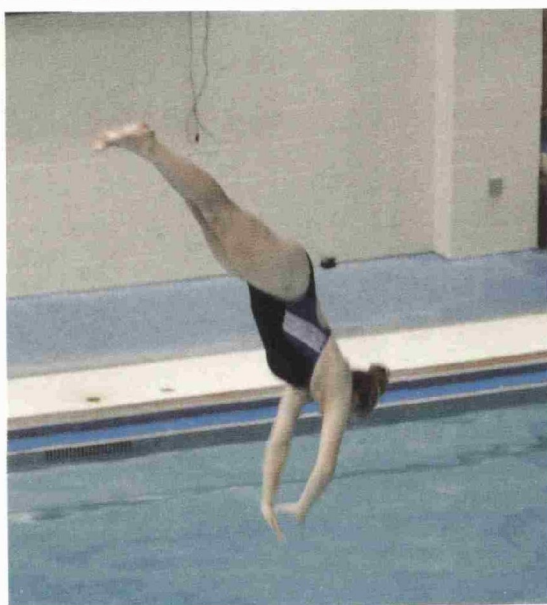




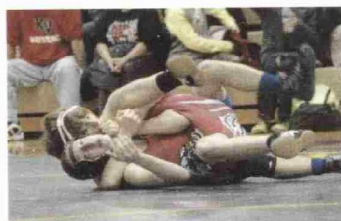
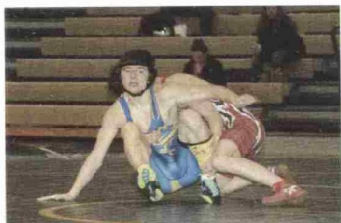
**On the Block** Abigail White (10) prepared to swim her part in the relay. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Diving In** Kenna Crowel (10) set up a dive at her first meet. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Flying in Water** Marissa Moore (9) swam in the 100 yard butterfly stroke with perfect form. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Season Cut Short** Emma LaBounty (12) ended her final diving season early for a knee surgery due to a soccer injury. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Semi-State Qualifier** Jacob Hirschak (10) was the lone wrestler to advance to Semi-State at East Chicago Central. Photo provided by Larkin

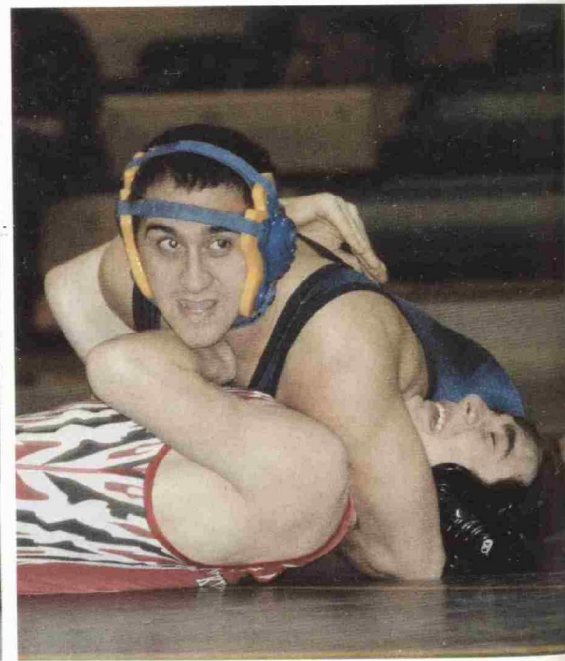
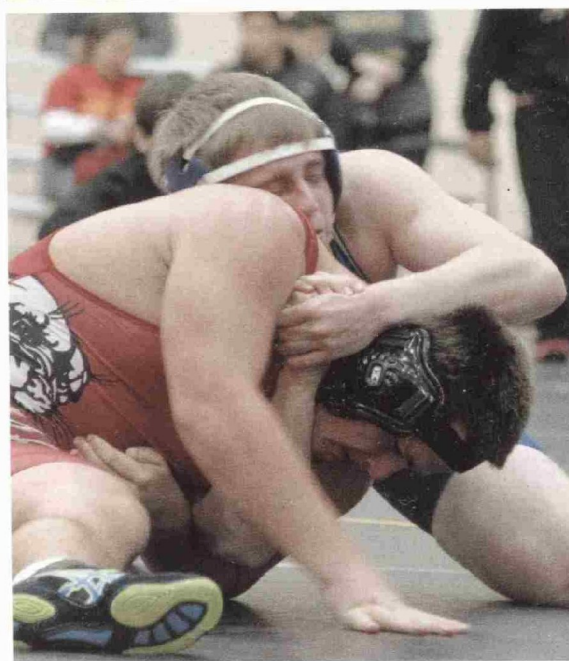
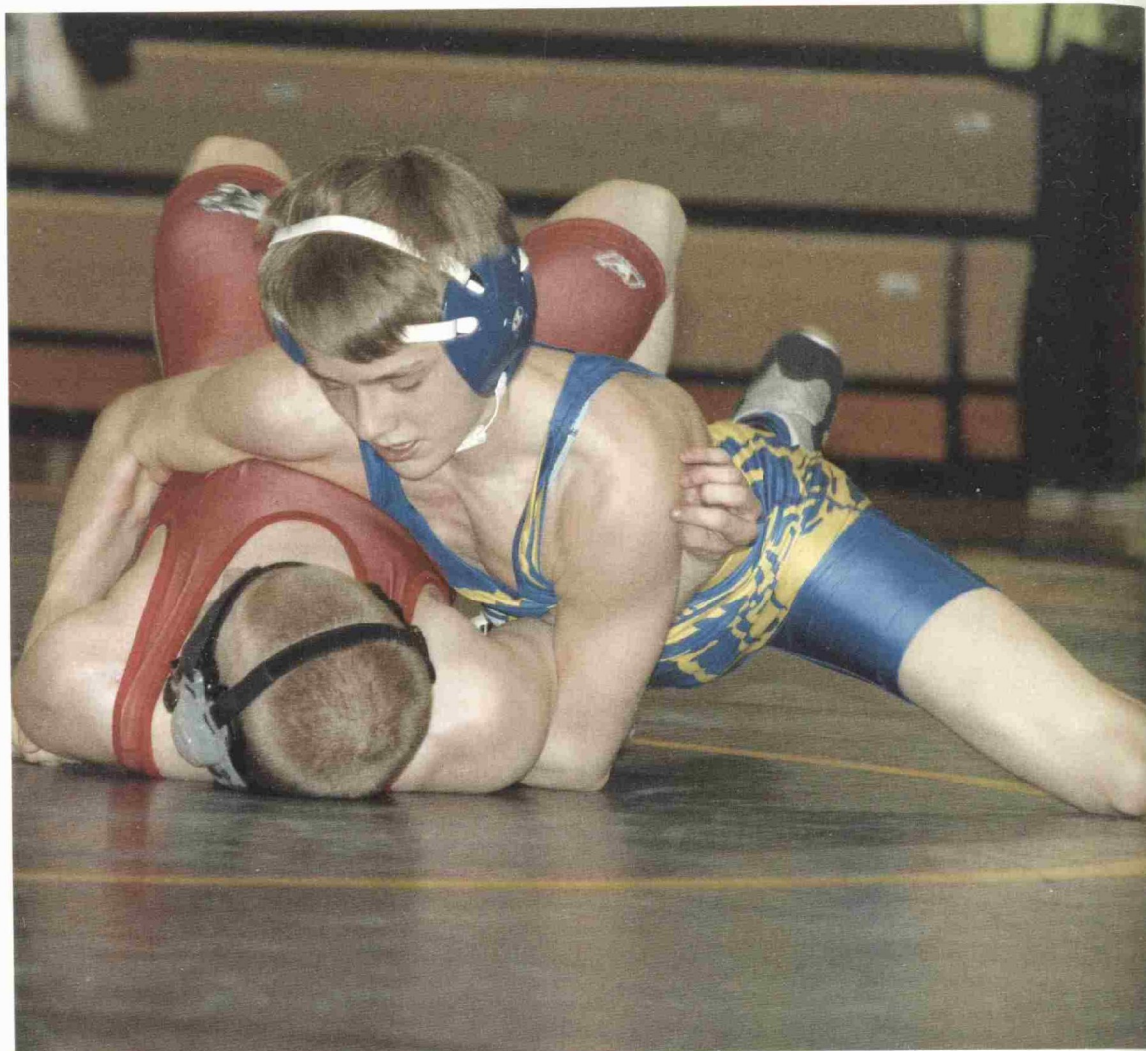
**Working to Get Out** Eric Larkin (11) worked to escape Kankakee Valley in a heated match. Photo provided by Larkin

**Victory** Micheal LeNeave (10) cradles his opponent just before the count for a pin. Photo provided by Mrs. Sherri Ralph

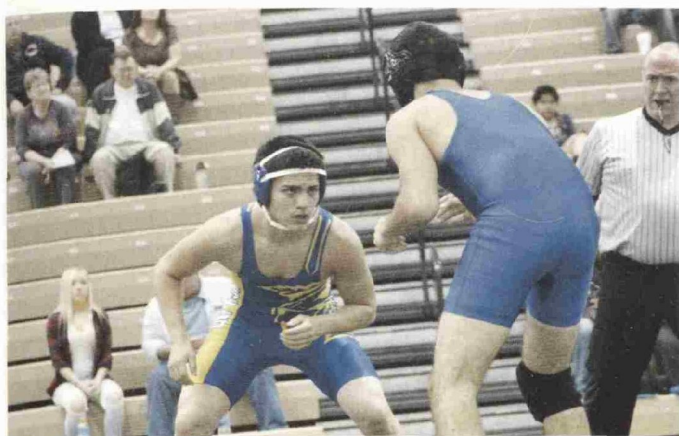
**Tournament Champions** Medal Winners at the Lake County Tournament included Xavier Garcia (12), Jacob Hirschak (10), and Curtis Gibson (12). Photo Provided by Larkin

**Senior Wrestler** Andrew Kinley (12) puts his opponent in a locked position, and successfully added another win to his record. Photo Provided by Larkin

**Captain** Mohammed Issa (12) had a phenomenal year for the Trojans on and off of the mat. Photo Provided by Larkin







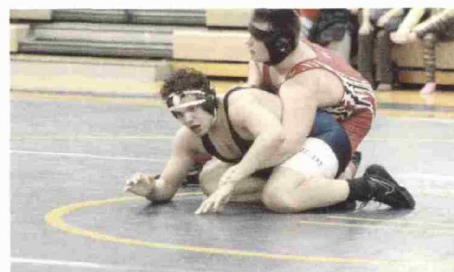
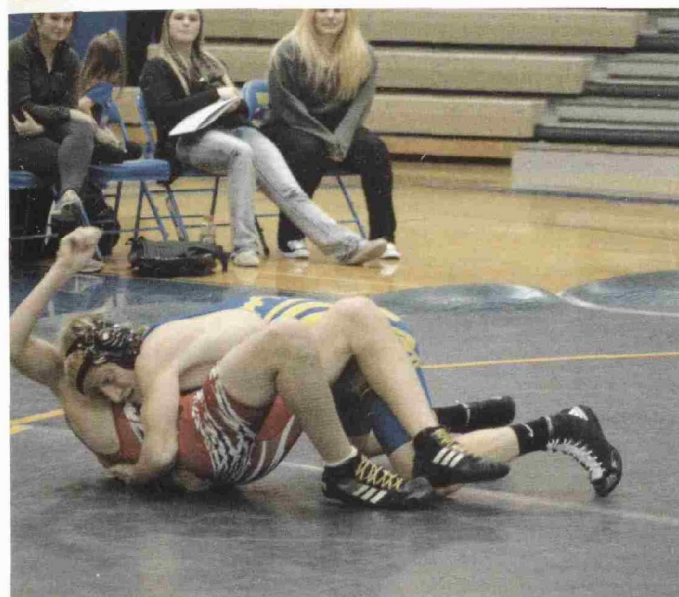
# PerseverING On The Mat

## Work to Make Weight

A step in the right direction was taken on the first step of the season to work towards the Trojans first winning record in many years. Compiling a 13-8 record over the season was a difficult task given the obstacles that the Trojans faced. The ups and downs of the season were alarming and exciting. While Seth Leon (12) took on the Gladiators at the 182 weight class in the third match of the season, Leon was shocked to realize he had injured his right knee. After doctors confirmed he had torn his ACL, his season came to a complete stop. While injuries plagued the Trojans

temporarily, they were able to take an exciting turn and place 4th out of 17 teams at the Lake County Tournament. Xavier Garcia (12) and Jacob Hirschak (10) were runners up while first year wrestler Curtis Gibson (12) was the lone champion for the team. While the moments of the season were a struggle to face, the Trojans did so with perseverance. Coach Christopher Kirincic said, "I wasn't expecting the success that we did, but the fact that the kids developed a passion of the sport we were able to accomplish much more than expected."

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### Giving an Intimidating Look

Elias Covarrubias (10) started off in a face off with his opponent.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

### Knight on the Mat

Ryan McKnight (11) took hold of his opponent and kept him down to be crowned winner of the match.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

### Four Year Wrestler

After wrestling varsity his entire high school career, Dominic Micili (12) left every ounce of energy on the mat throughout his senior year.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

### Working to Get On Top

Xavier Garcia (12) started off his match with the intent to gain control.

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**Fight Song** Abigail Figley (11) performed the school song at the conclusion of a junior varsity game. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Teammates** Kayla Marty (10) and Paige Fisher (11) raised the spirits of the crowd during a time out of a home girls basketball game. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

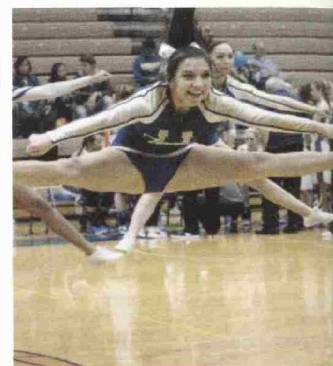


# IN Blue & Gold

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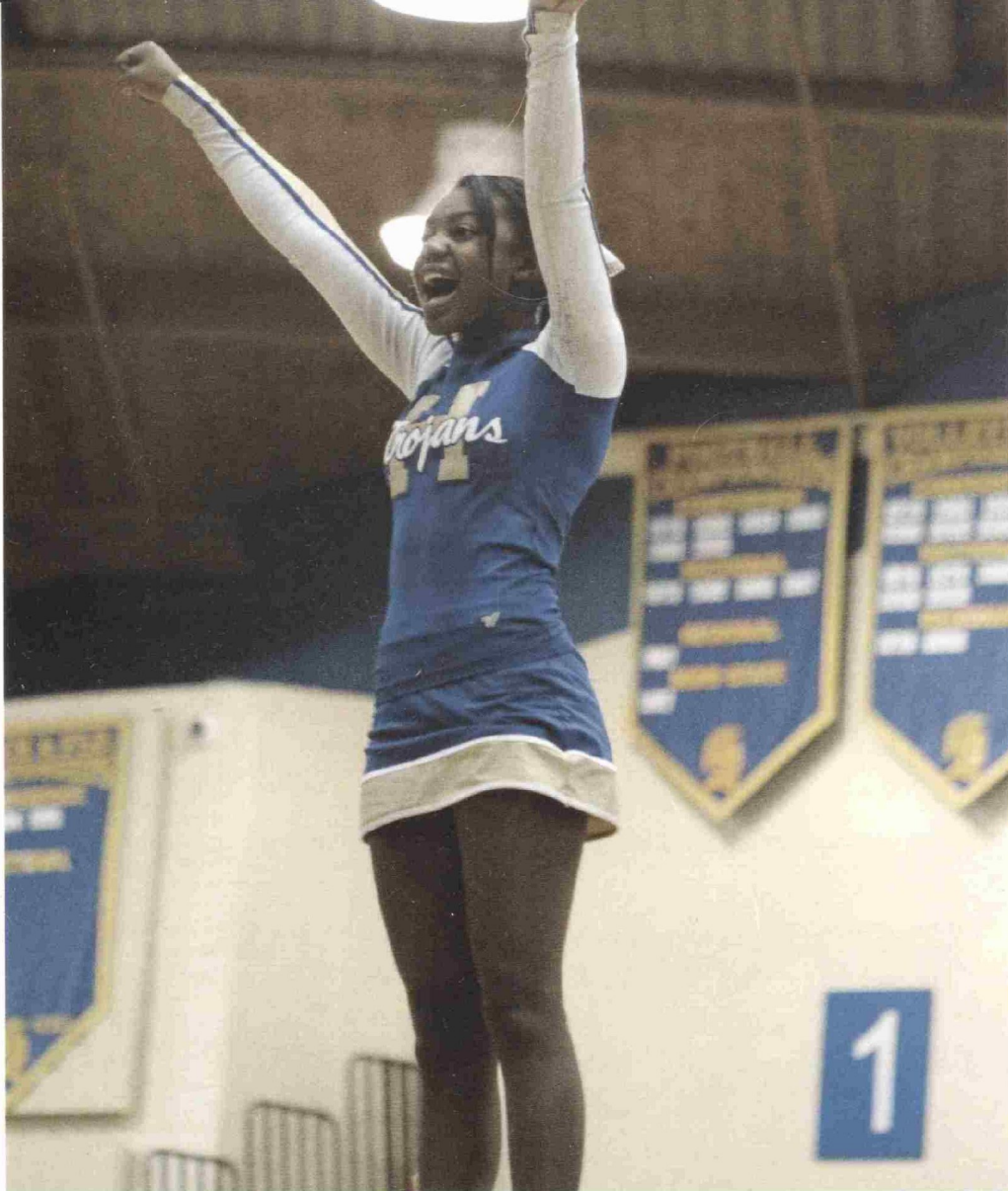


**Trojan Pride** Angelyna Otto (9), Jalan Wright (10), and Meagan Scott (11) stood together during the pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph. **Flyer** Breana Daigre (12) was tossed in the air at the school pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Toe-Touch** Rachel Hernandez (11) did the splits while jumping high in the air. Photo Credits: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Teamwork** Dionne Wilson (9) got into position to lift Abby Figley (11) in the air. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph





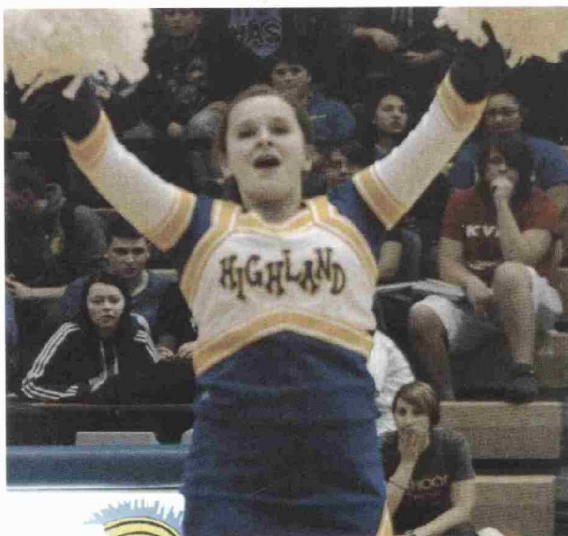
**No Fear, All Cheer** Jade Wright (12) cheered for the crowd. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Lady Trojans** The Trojan cheerleaders did a pike during the pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Lets go Trojans** Kayla Marty (10), Serena Middleborn (12), and Yuliss Rios(12) performed the school fight song at the winter pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph





**Competition Ready** Long time dancer Victoria Smith (11) performed a pom routine at a home basketball game. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza **Pep Rally** Rylee Ross (11) performed for the student body at the pep rally and nailed her dance routine. Photo Credit: Zainab Suboh



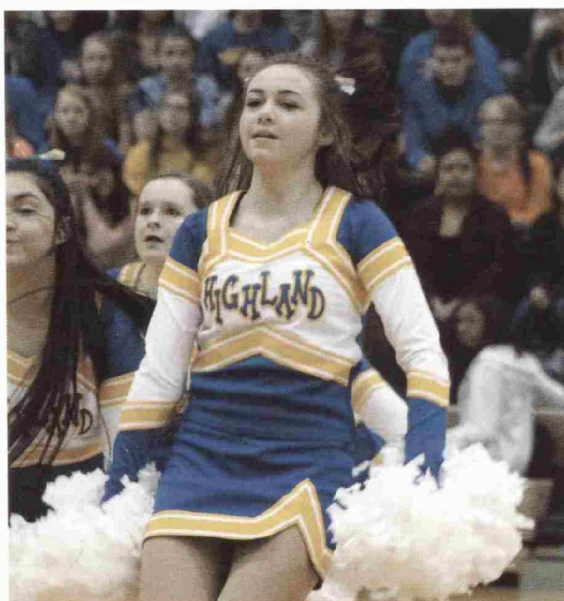
# IN Step With Others

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**Toe Touch** Winter pep rally allowed the Sapphires to practice their competition routine. Dancers, Layla Fryxell (9), Victoria Smith (11) and Angela Golub (9) executed their toe touch mid routine. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Movement** Layla Fryxell (9) completed a transformation change to move to the front row. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Freshman Saphire** Sydney Flick (9) performed the school song at a home football game. Photo Credit: John O'Connor

**Facial Expressions** With extreme facials, Corlizha Walker (10) nailed her pom routine. Photo Credit: Mrs. Ralph





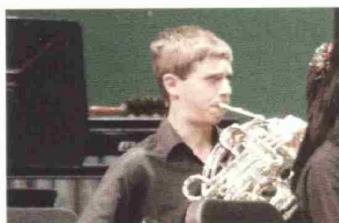
**Caption Lead** Brianna Baca (11) put on a happy face at the fall pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Moving Up to Varsity** Yesmin Zitioui (9) was placed on the JV team, but was pulled up to Varsity before competition. Photo Credit: Mrs. Ralph

**Music Please** Allison Stephen (12), Camryn Mathews (9), Sofia Arrue (11) and Makenzie Marwitz (9) stepped out toward the crowd to start their homecoming routine. Photo Credit: Zainab Suboh







### Thank You For Your Support

The pep band stood with director and administration with a check from Thomas Dodge for participating the Test Drive during the fall craft fair. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

### Playing Together

Logan Juran (9) watched the director as he played his concert music. Photo Provided by Inter State

**Listening** Nicole Czarnecki (10) listened to others around her to stay in tune. Photo Provided by Inter State

**Tuba Sounds** David Frederick (12) played the bass portion of the music during his final band concert. Photo Provided by Inter State

**In Pitch** Jacob Labadie (9) watched the tuner while the director tuned his clarinet before the concert. Photo Provided by Inter State

**Tuning** Sara Finke (10) got her saxophone into tune before it was time to go out on stage. Photo Provided by Inter State







# PlayINg For Gold

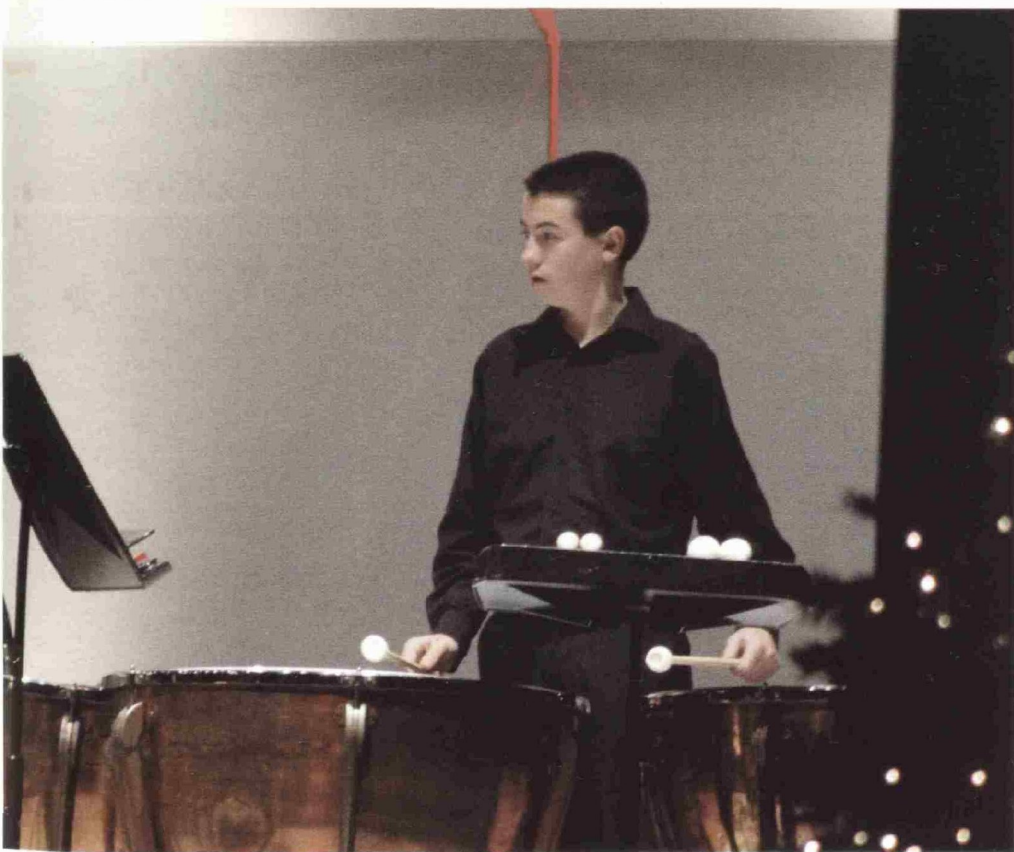
## Solos and Ensembles



The Highland High School band may be small, but what they lack in size they make up for in sound. The ISSMA solo and concert contests were proof of their ability to produce quality sound; however, the sound created by the band class was found in more than just the competition season. New songs for pep band sessions rang across the gymnasium for both boys and girls basketball games. While having to rehearse pep band music for sporting events and pep rallies, the twenty-four band students had to learn not only up to seventy songs for pep band, but also songs for concerts. Many individuals added private lessons into their schedules to improve ranking at ISSMA solo competition held in February; thirteen gold ratings was a direct result of hard work. At the ISSMA solo contest many of the band students,

such as Stephanie Sprague (12), Maya Davis (12), Katelyn Long (12), Ghenella Salanio (11) and Leah Clark (11) received a gold rating in Group I and went on to state competition to bring home four gold and a silver medal. As the entire group phased into preparation for ISSMA concert, they developed and prepared songs "Chant and Jubilo," "Endless Rainbows," and "Aces High March" which were played in Group II, and earned a gold rating from all three judges. In addition to the concert portion, the band earned a fourth gold rating for the night when they completed their sight reading portion. These great results made, not only band director, Mr. Brian Blocker, but also the students and school very proud.

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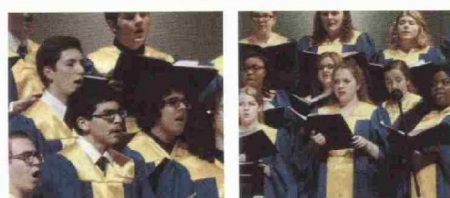
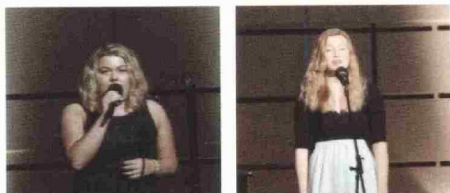
**Musical Outlet** Clarinet was one of the instruments Mikayla Hayes (12) has played throughout high school. Photo Provided by Inter State **Holiday Tunes** The high school band performed to a large audience at their winter concert. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Percussion** Christopher Koutz (9) performed on a wide variety of percussion instruments throughout the year. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Final Pep Band Season** "Shake It Off," "Safety Dance," "Seven Nation Army" and "On Top of the World" were just a few songs that Katelyn Long (12) and other fellow seniors learned for their exiting season. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



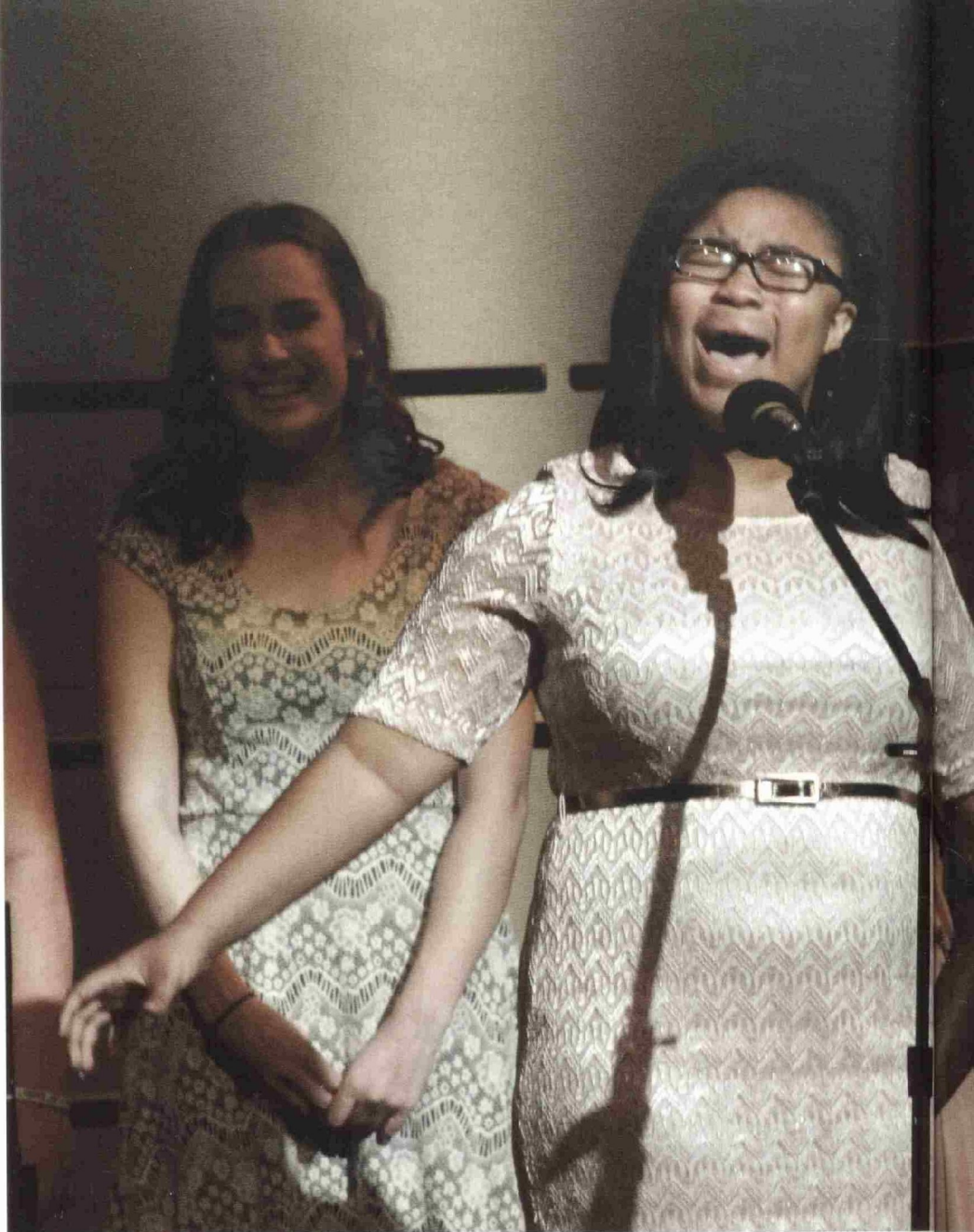


# Take the Stage

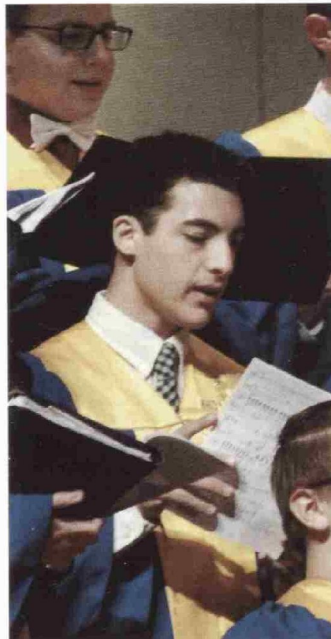
Members of the Highland Choir programs learned the value of their voice and how to use it to release feelings of happiness, sadness, love and friendship. Whether they performed at a concert, athletic event, for local elementary students, at a famous theme park, in the choir room or over the public address system, these talented students let their voices be heard.



**Senior Solo With Friends** Kristoria Cannon (12) let her wind pipes be put to good use while singing her final solo on stage while some of her friends provided backup vocals. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Traveling Performance** Various members of the choir traveled to Orlando, FL to perform at Walt Disney World. Members also were able to spend time in the various Disney parks, and at Universal Studios. Photo Provided by Victoria Smith



**Song Lyrics** Husam Suboh (10) sang his part in the first song of the final choir concert of the year. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Lead by the Director** Members of the choir, including Elijah Fessenden (10) used the guidance of Mr. David Markley while on and off the stage. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

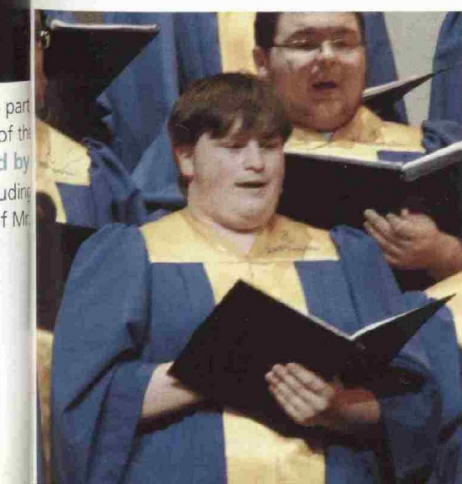
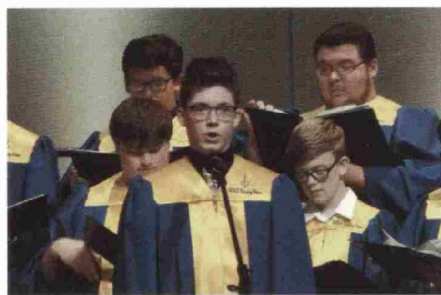
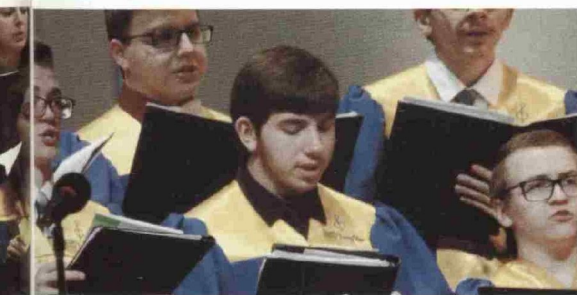
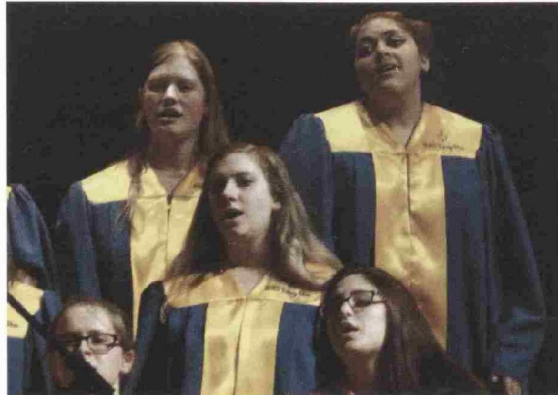


# SINging Strong

## Love the Song

Our 2015-16 choir group made a lot of great memories this year. Yvette Puentes (11) stated that her best memory was going to ISSMA. Puentes said, "Its a time where you meet new people to sing with and just enjoy learning a whole new song with your group." Charlianne Diggs (11) had a lot of good memories throughout the years but her favorite was her freshman year, where her teacher, Mr. David Markley dressed up as a ballerina at Disney World. While dressing up in the past has been done, this year one of the choir concerts scheduled for October allowed choir members to dress in their favorite Halloween costumes. From bacon and eggs to pirates, the students let their creative minds get to work. While being on stage together was a highlight, the sounds that came from these groups were amazing. Those sounds were heard more than just on the stage in Monbeck Auditorium though. Choir members performed at local elementary schools, and even spent their spring break in Orlando, Florida. With a performance at Walt Disney World followed by days at the theme park. It was a memorable year.

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**Female Singers** Brittany Cruz (11), Chloe Oney (10), Victoria Shamel (11) performed in various concerts throughout the school year. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Live Performance** Alexis Martisaukas (11) and Maulie Lewandowski (12) sang along with their peers at a concert this year. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Freshman Vocals** Eric Shelton (9) joined the varsity choir with his strong vocals along with other freshman Tyler Dooley (9). Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Shut Up And Dance** With a solo, Scott Panchisin (11) initiated the song. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Sheet Music** Codey Dewey (10) followed the lyrics during the choir's performance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







# ContINUE to Play

## Learning to Strive and Thrive

This year's orchestra students worked hard to pull off a great year of achievements and musical performances. Each student put forth an effort to play in the fall, winter, and spring concerts. They not only learned musical literature for their winter concert but also prepared music for solos and ensembles that were performed for friends, family, and judges at ISSMA. Musicians that performed group one material and received gold at ISSMA also had the opportunity to play at ISSMA State in Indianapolis, Indiana. These students included Christina Fiegle (10), Felipe Caldeira (11), Hayley Kim (12), Kathleen Doolittle (11), Meet Patel (9), Alexander Melby (9), Annabelle Makowski (11), Katherine Krick (10), Wyatt Kucginski (10), Dustin DuFault (10), Ishaan Patel (9), and Annaliese Ford (12). "My life would be completely different if orchestra was not a part of my life. I spend so much time playing the bass so if it were taken away then a piece of myself would also be taken away," said Ford as she talked about how different she would be without music being the top motivation in her

life. Under the direction of Mr. Phillip Loos, the orchestra was able to successfully conclude the year which included a diverse orchestra class with an advanced chamber called Camerata, an increase to the level of difficulty of each song selected to be played, and the annual recruitment tour at the elementary schools. Angela Golub (9) shared that the recruitment tour was her favorite memory of this year because she was able to travel to the elementary schools and play for the little kids. Some students aspire to develop a career in orchestra after they finish high school. Mr. Loos said to senior orchestra students, "Pursuing a career in music is a difficult but rewarding career choice. Finding the right place to be as an artist can sometimes be challenging. Never give up on who you want to be." This group of talented musicians have advanced and achieved many things overall during this year. Learning difficult music and rehearsing as an ensemble has inspired these dedicated musicians to fulfill a career of music among their futures.

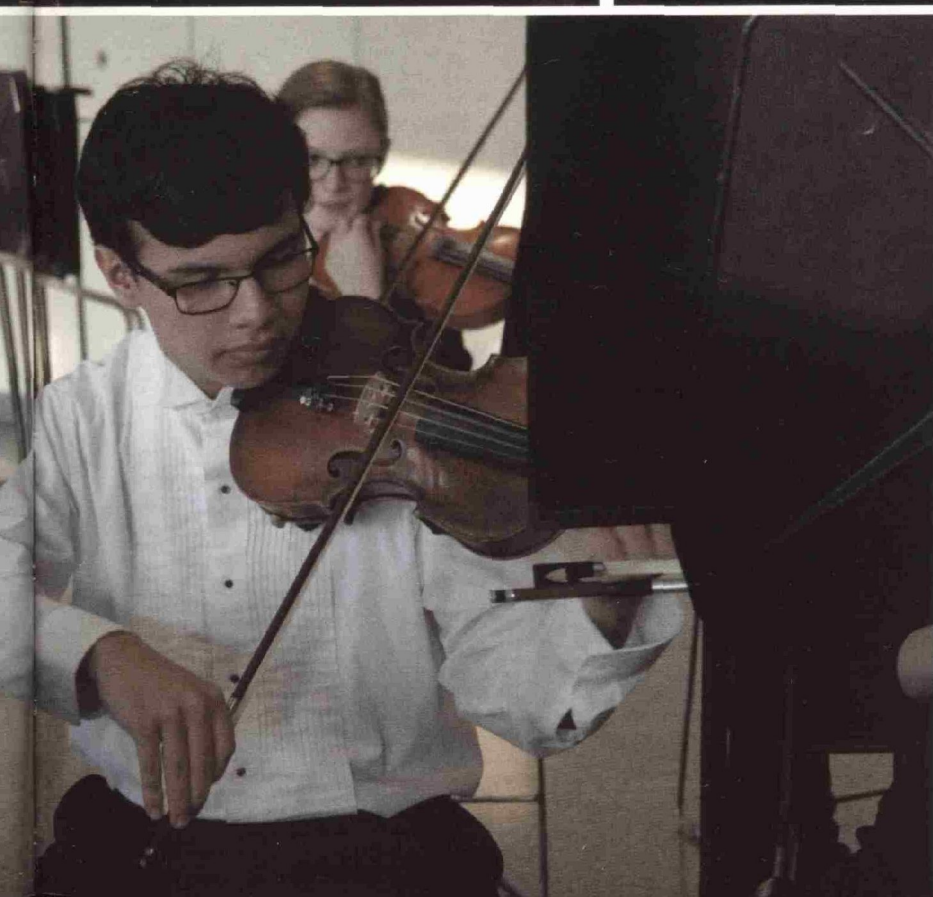
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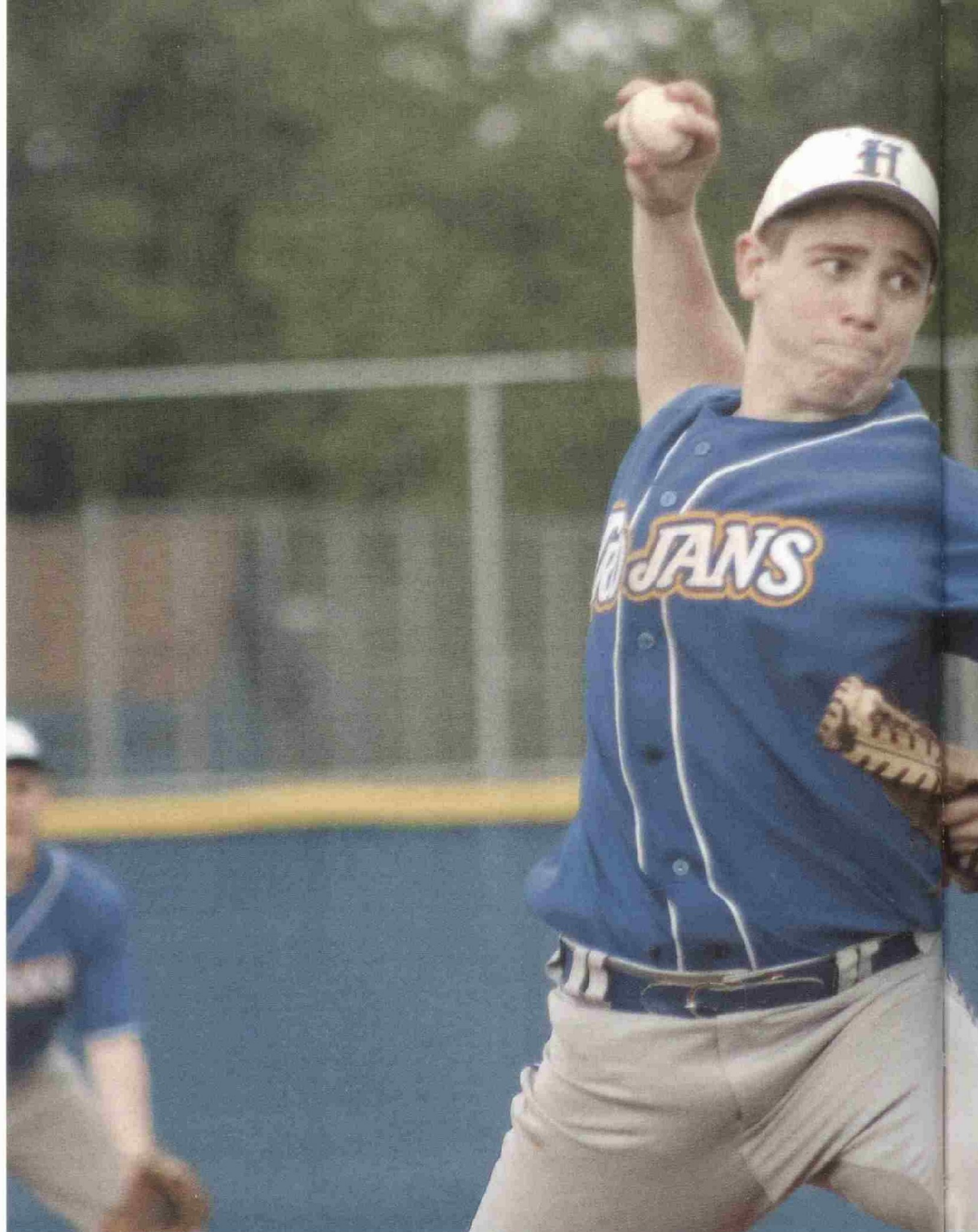
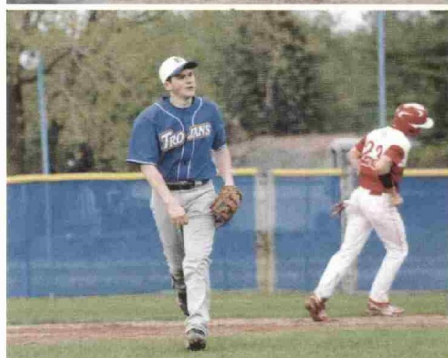
**Getting Ready** Annaliese Ford (12) fingered through notes on the bass before a performance. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Standing Out** Wyatt Kucginski (10) stood on stage to play a solo. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Determined** Hayley Kim stayed focus in the music while she participated during rehearsal. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Musically Talented** Natalie Childress (10) played the viola during one of her performances. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Rehearsing Together** Alexander Melby maintained correct posture as he sat next to his classmates while he read the piece of music in front of him. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**In Time** Dustin DuFault (10) and Aaron Kondrat (12) played the rhythm written in the music. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Working Hard** Felipa Caldeira (11) read the sheet music in front of him while he sat in front of the Natatorium. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**In It to Win It** The orchestra watch Mr. Loos as he conducts the song they played. Photo Provided by Inter State



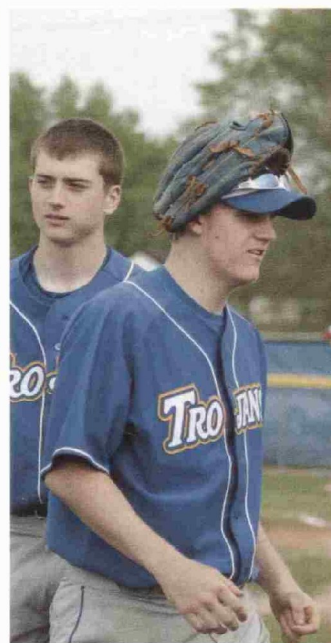


# Run the Bases

**Recognized Pitcher** With pre-season recognition, Andrew Kinley (12) was ready for a starting position in the line up. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **On Coaches Signal** Angel Vaquera (12) and his efforts were noted throughout the season. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Out at Second** Brandon Burbridge (12) makes the final out of the inning. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Turn Two** Zachary Vassar (12) looked to make a double play with a throw to first. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Blue Glove** In his final season, William Polen (12) was a hard worker, but always ready to have fun. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Volunteer in Gear** Michael Domagalski (12) was willing to step behind the plate to catch for the Trojans. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

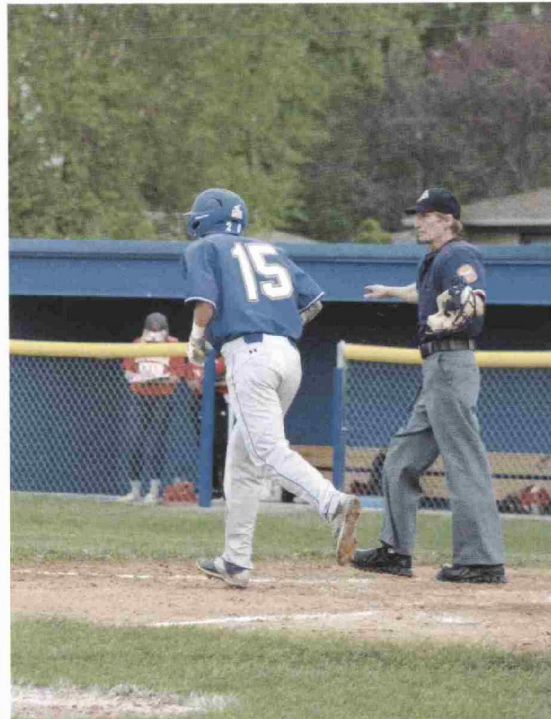


# RelivINg History

## One Run at a Time

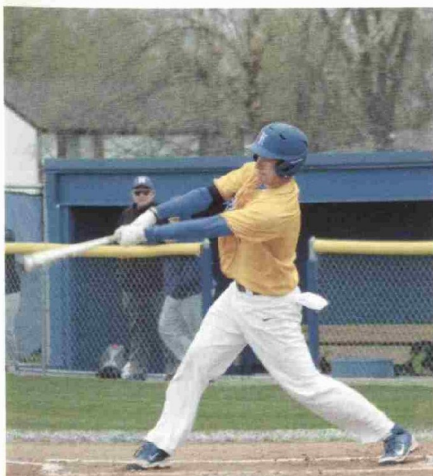
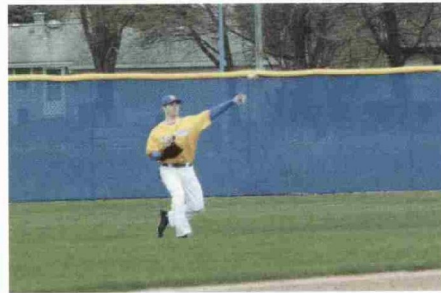
The 2016 baseball season was an exciting one for players, coaches and fans. For the second year in a row the Trojans has more than 15 wins. With a 16-9 record, the Trojans saw a home opener win at the end of the rainbow against the Gavit Gladiators with Zachary Vassar (12) obtaining his first varsity win from the mound. With a well rounded roster of players who were willing to work hard for Coach John Bogner and staff, the team's momentum was on the rise. Michael Domagalski (12) was willing to accept the catcher's position and was named Most Improved Player for the season. While Jordan Petty (12) and Andrew Kinley (12) were well-known around the area for their pitching power the Trojans had other players in Arick Casiano (10) providing essential hits and Brandon Burbridge (12) assisting in the field. The contributions allowed the Trojans to capture many great victories while learning from the losses. When the team pulled the Munster Mustangs for sectionals, the Trojans wanted more than anything to change the 0-2 record to 1-2 and advance to the second round. Unfortunately the bats did not go in the Trojans favor, but the season did leave a memorable impression on the diamond for this great group of boys.

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Aside from winning games, wrestling on the infield was one of our fondest moments of the season.

ANDREW KINLEY



**Together** The pitching and catching duo celebrate another Trojan victory. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Take Your Base** Arick Casiano (10) took his base after being walked. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Rest Day** Trevor O'Donnell was a strong addition to the pitching rotation. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Prior to Injury** Patrick Manyek (11) caught a fly ball for an out in the center field position. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Continue to Grow** Pitcher and first baseman Jordan Petty (12) was a strong asset for the Trojans, and wanted to continue improving for the next level of baseball. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph





**Best Mental Attitude** With a calm composure, Nicholas Lewandowski (12) maintained a positive attitude while on the green. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Valuable** Jayson Stevens (12) scored low on a par 4 hole for the Trojans. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Growth** In his initial high school season, Frederick Kepler (9) showed vast improvements in his game. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**New Adventures** Robert Patterson (9) reached out to try something new, and enjoyed his freshman golf season. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Carry The Load** Alexander Fitt (11) and Kodie Wilson (10) carried their golf bags across the course to their next hole. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Tee Off** With a strong swing, Harrison Bronisz (10) sent the ball off with his driver. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim



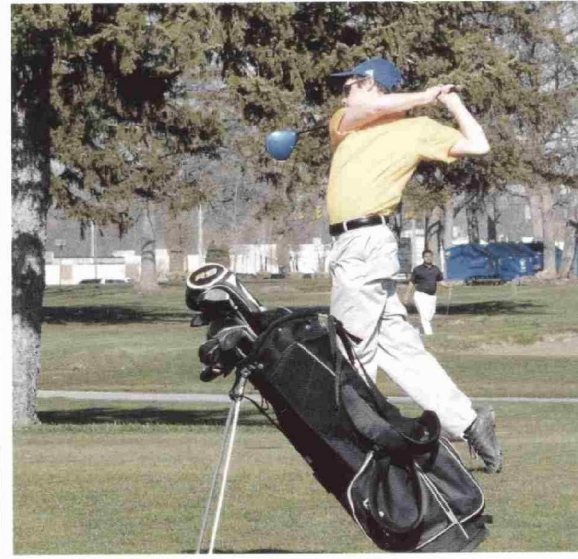
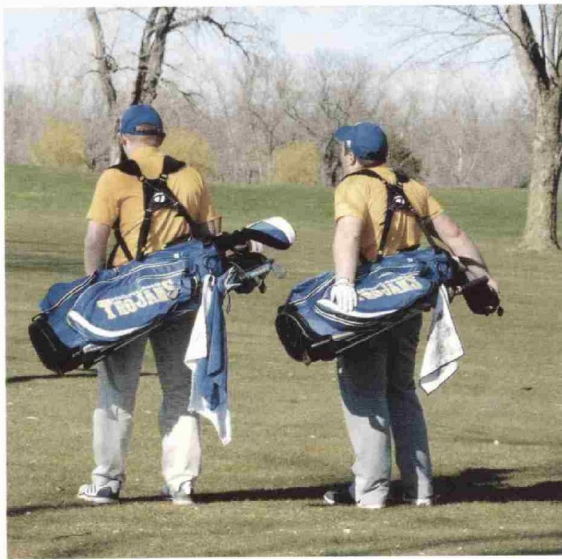
# SwINGing Away



## On the Green

It was a hole in one for the Highland boys golf team that had a great season with a 7-7 record. The boys golf team ended the conference play with a record of (3-3) and finished fourth place in the Northwest Crossroads Conference. The team had their overall best score in sectional play. As Mr. Daniel Richardson said about the most remarkable memory of the season was a player at the Junior Varsity level hitting a hole in one at Lost Marsh, which is also one of the toughest course they had to play on the season, against Bishop Noll Institute. The most improved golfer was Frederick Kepler (9), the most valued player was Jayson Stevens (12), and the best mental attitude was Nicholas Lewandowski (12).

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## Improvements On The Field



**Single** Base runner Miranda Menzyk (12) discussed options with Assistant Coach Meredith Cioffi. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Catch for the Out** The bench cleared as the final out was made to end the game with a victory. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **RBI** Brittany Raab (12) hit a double RBI that brought in the winning run to beat the Lady Mustangs of Munster. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Strong Infield** Behind pitcher Sydni Gizynski (10) the infield was ready for a possible bunt situation. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim



# AmazING Effort

## Best in Five

To say that this was not an exciting softball season would be a lie. With a roster that included five seniors, the girls and coaching staff were motivated to have a high effort level this season. A seven game losing streak could have been a deciding factor as to how the remainder of the season could have went; however, this team, with motivation of captains Brittany Raab (12) and Miranda Menzyk (12), was able to rally to a final record of 10-19 which was the best record for Highland softball in five seasons. Highlights came when the Lady Trojans faced a record holding pitcher on the ranked Laporte Slicers team, and the Lady Trojans were able to respond with not only one homerun, but two. Aside from splitting a double header with Laporte, the Lady Trojans also defeated ranked Chesterton, Munster, and Bishop Noll in separate games throughout the season. These wins were inspiration as the team headed into the 3A sectional. With a first round win against Hammond Clark, they would then face the Lady Panthers of Griffith. In extra innings, the Lady Trojans fell to a 0-1 score. While this was not the desired outcome, reaching the second round was an advancement in itself. Improving an overall record and building sound skills, the Lady Trojans have much to be proud of on a well accomplished season.

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**Home Run Hitter** Jacey Bertalan (10) had a successful season in the batters box. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim  
**Involved** With a careful eye, Jamie Gessler (9) laid off of low pitches within the batters box. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim  
**Greeting at the Plate** Sarah Elrod (10) and Jamie Gessler (9) celebrated after crossing home plate. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Final Out** Outfielder Courtney Morton (10) made the biggest catch of her season in right field. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Turn Two Shortstop** Danielle Fowler (11) attempted to turn two with a throw to first base. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Number One Doubles** Jozlyn Velazquez (12) looked on as her teammate serves the ball over the net so that she could anticipate her response. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Singles Player** Brittany Brzek (12) played in singles competition for the Lady Trojans. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Caption Lead** Mental preparation helped Kathleen Doolittle (11) hold her own in number one singles matches. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Lateral Movement** Olivia Casiano (10) was able to maneuver around the court with her quick feet. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Junior Player** In the number three singles spot, Lauren Frick (11) waited for her opponent to serve the ball. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Caption Lead** With a return, Megan McCarty (11) watched the ball she just returned head over to her opponents so that she could prepare for her next move. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Senior Night** A final season brought Keyanna Liptak (12) fond memories on the court with her teammates. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Final Serve** Sara Gordon (12) sent her final serve over the net on the home court. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

## IN Love With the Game

The girls tennis season was greeted with the return of former assistant coach as the new head coach in Mr. Terry Steenson. While the adjustment was easy, the work was hard when it came to facing competition at the various varsity levels. Coach Steenson said, "Kathleen Doolittle (11) takes a beating everyday, but never gives up. Playing number one singles is tough." While the season was a tough one, each win was deserved. Sara Gordon (12) said, "while we had to work hard to get our wins, I was happy I got to play with my friends Megan McCarty (11) and Olivia Casiano (10)."

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# LookINg Forward

There is no I in team



The boys track season faced change head on with the new methods they would be learning with the addition of new head coach, Mr. Corey Bailey. "The goal going in was to win a sectional title, if not this year, very soon," Coach Bailey said. That goal was in his heart and he reminded the team that it was possible with their numbers. All that was needed was pride and heart to do it. Andrew Carstensen (11) worked hard to help meet this goal by placing second in the conference meet. Also contributing was Rafael Rios (9) who gave upperclassmen a run for their money. He was the lead runner for the 4 by 100 meter relay that was able to move past sectionals and into regionals. In addition, Rafa was a varsity runner for the 200 meter placing 6th at conference. With new faces joining the team they even

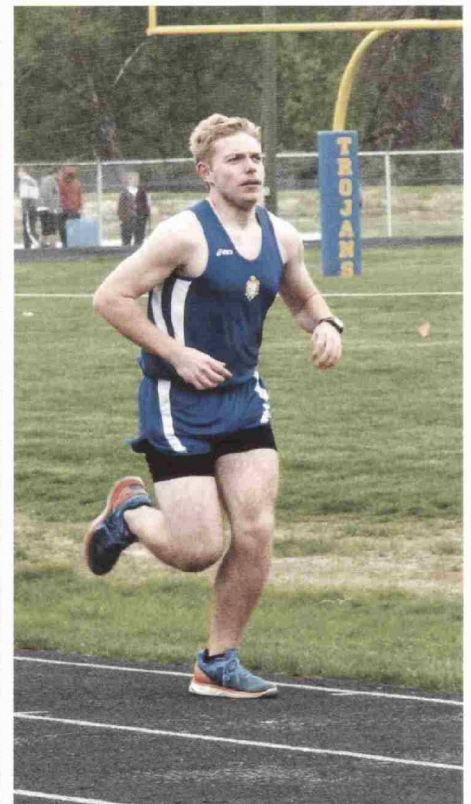
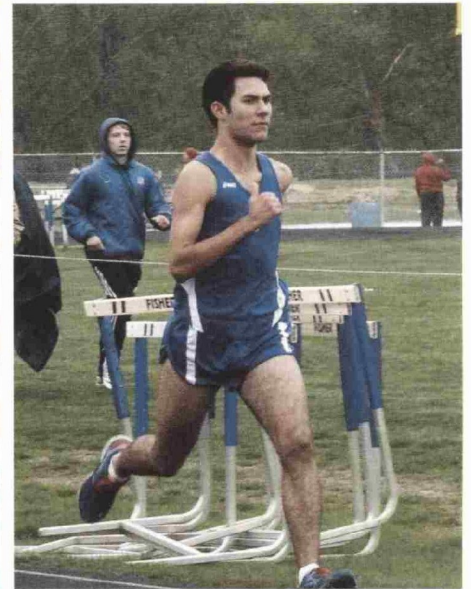
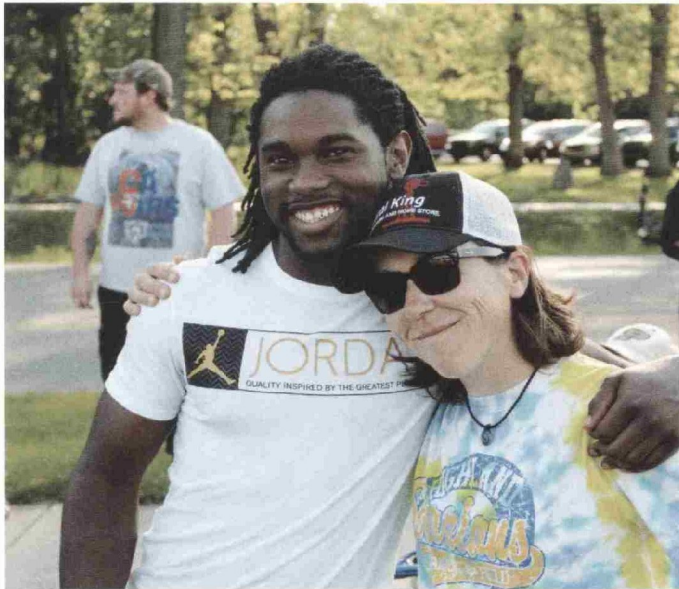
had guys trying new events that they didn't see themselves ever running. Donald Toweson (11) officially walked away from distance and committed to the sprints. Jacob Korcha (10) and Anfernee Perez-Aquino (10) said hello to pole vault to help rack up points for the team. Both advanced to regionals in this event. Exchange student Maximilian Tank (10) was a positive addition. He was able to advance to sectionals for the 200 meter dash and to regionals for the 100 meter dash. Rounding out a hard working season by advancing to sectionals were distance runners, Austin Guerra (12), Tristen Comer (11); throwers Curtis Gibson (12) and Gannon Grider (10) plus the 4 by 800 and 4 by 100 relay teams.

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**Cold Weather** Runner, Graem Stickann (10) made his way to the finish line through the cold weather. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Support** Coach Heather Oaks supports not only her throwers, but other track members as well. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley **Strength** In his final season, Austin Guerra (12) proved to be a strong distance runner. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim



**Side by Side** Twins, Jack Mulligan (10) and Joshua Mulligan (10) ran the 110 meter hurdles in a close race. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim

**Working Hard** In a varsity spot, Rafael Rios (9) worked hard to have successful performances in conference meets. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim **Distance** Building up his mileage, Logan Andreatta (10) prepared for his distance races. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley



# To New BeglNnings

**Attacking the Hurdle** Mia Kinley (12) attacked the hurdles to try to beat Munster. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim **Pushing through the pain** Tiffani Almeda (12) pushed through her leg pain to help rack up points for Highland. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim **Work to Catch Up** Christine Anderson (12) pushed herself to through the cold spring weather to catch up to her teammates. Photo Credit: Zoe Kim **Kick to the Very End** Lauren Urevig (10) sprinted to finish on her last 20 meters of her race. Photo Credit : Zoe Kim



**Wanting a Varsity Spot** Desirae Mueller (11) worked to prove to coaches and teammates that she was varsity material. Photo credit: Zoe Kim **We Are One** Marley Salinas (10), Ciera Lee (9), and Skylar Guffey (10) got the warm up in before their race. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley **Push Each Other to the End** Brittney Nichols (9) and Michaela Schmidt (9) pushed one another to the finish line to take first and second. Photo Credit : Zoe Kim





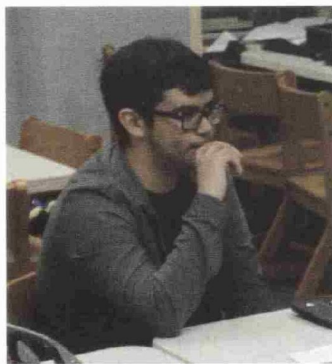
## Putting In Work

This girls track season was not like any other season. Something new was happening to the team, and that meant the girls had their heads held high and worked hard each and every day in hopes of having more wins this year and breaking new records. Due to the weather, many of the meets had to be canceled and some were not able to be made up; however, that did not stop the Lady Trojans from having the girls break records this year. The relay team of Kimberly Betustak (12), Ciera Lee (9), Reilly Panozzo (11), and Kayla Polen (9) broke the 16-year-old record for the 4 by 800 meter with a new time of 10:07:18 at the NCC conference meet. The ladies had a huge win over Griffith at their first track meet. The key players were Madeline Revercomb (11), Leah Clark (11), Sierra Hinkel (11), Michaela Schmidt (9), Morgan Vaclavik (12), Meaghan Hillier (10), Mia Kinley (12) and Panozzo. Coach Siobhan Sullivan had said during indoor season, "The kids have been working hard since early January! I am hoping with some new faces that we can improve on our record from last year, maybe place higher at our invite and conference." The girls did do just that, placing fifth in conference, and third at sectionals. The Lady Trojans were able to send Polen for the 800 meter run, and Revercomb and Chloe Rivera (11) both for discus, and the 4 by 800 meter relay team to regionals. The successes found are fresh and exciting for the Lady Trojans.

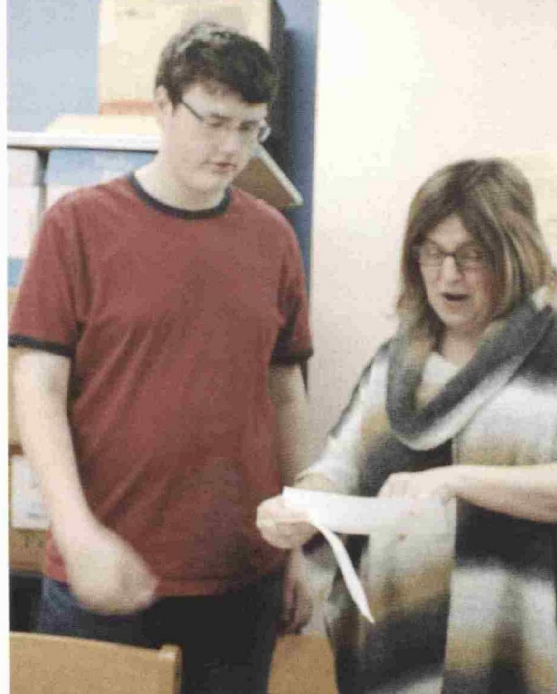
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**Take the Lead** Kayla Polen (9) finished the 800 meter with a strong kick to go from 6th to 4th place at Regionals. Photo credit: Mia Kinley **Throw Stuff** Chloe Rivera (11) threw the discus for Highland as first seed in Regionals. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley





**Future Journalist** Alexis Hodo (12) participated in the Student Publications class to develop her skills for a career in Journalism. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **Idea Session** Staffer, Moises Flores (11) thought of ideas that the Trojan Tribune could cover in their online newspaper. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner



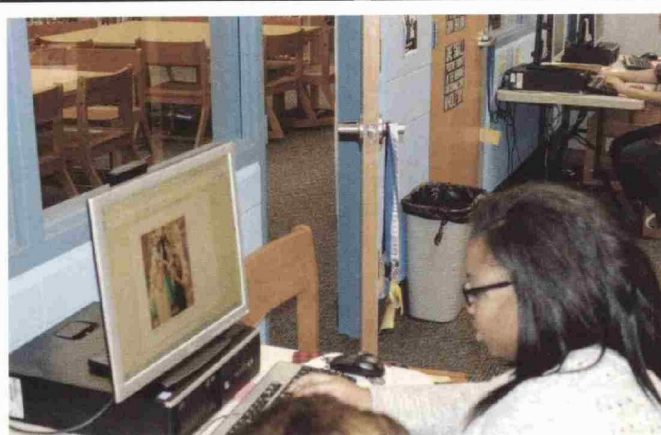
## IN The NEWS JOURNALISM WORKS

First off, being apart of the Trojan Tribune was much more than just an ordinary high school newspaper staff; this staff was a family. This small family was nearly cut in half this year, but next year the staff is almost tripling in size. As a whole, the staff has persevered, despite technical issues due to shared work space and website hackers within the school. The staff has not only blossomed as a whole, but staffers have grown as individuals as well. The staff improved in time management, writing skills,

as well as becoming more efficient and friendlier. We worked together to build up our website and plan for next year while learning to have fun at the same time. We never forgot to celebrate a birthday and have had multiple social events outside of school. The Trojan Tribune delivered some of the best stories this paper has ever seen and have covered some controversial topics, such as the new drug testing policy that was implemented. Just wait until next year.  
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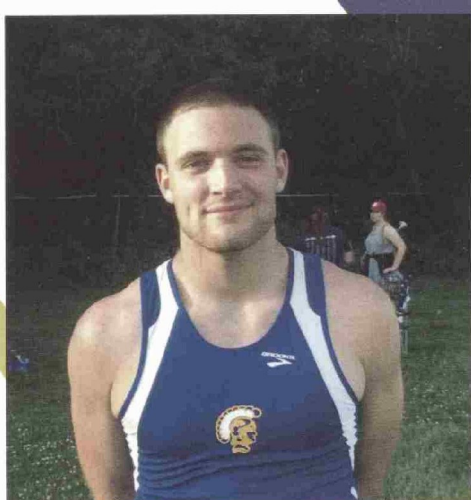


**Athletic News** Mrs. Molly Arroyo assisted Benjamin Kovacic (11) with a sports article. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Taking Directions** The team listened in during a staff meeting session. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Review** Facts are reviewed and critiqued prior to be putting live on the web. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner

**Planning** The newspaper staff met to look at the upcoming event schedule to verify coverage. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Look at This** The Trojan Tribune, an online publication, is designed to support Highland High School's news. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Photography** Kristoria Cannon (12) placed images to go with her story. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner







**State Qualifier** During a season where she agreed to focus solely on Cross Country in the fall, Reilly Panozzo (11) qualified for the state meet held in Terre Haute, IN on October 31, 2016. Panozzo finished with a time of 19:43.9.

**Photo Credit:** Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Three Years in the Making** The overall goal was to make it to state when the season began. Moves were repeated on a continuous basis at practice and outside of school time. Curtis Gibson (12) threw 161 ft 7 in at regionals putting him in 3rd place and allowing him to advance to the state meet.

**Photo Provided by:** Mr. Trent Grider **State Qualifier** As a freshman, Ethan Churilla (9) advanced to the state meet in the 100 free and the 50 free. Churilla placed fifth in the 50 free, and eighth in the 100 free at the state meet, and brought home hardware.

**Photo Provided by:** Coach Cheryl Fleming **Determined** Ready to have a successful season, Jacob Hirschak (10) advanced to the semi-state wrestling meet at the 106 pound weight class.

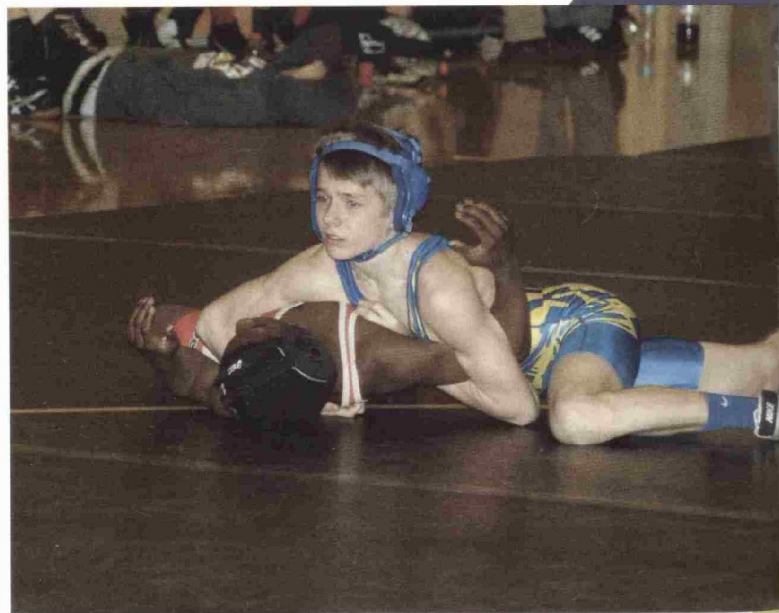
**Photo Provided by:** Larkin **History Comes Back** The 1991 baseball team was recognized on the twenty-fifth anniversary marking their final four appearance on April 22, 2016 as the Trojans faced Hammond High Wildcats. **Photo Credit:** Mrs. Sherri Ralph

# STATE

## Cross Country

# Finals

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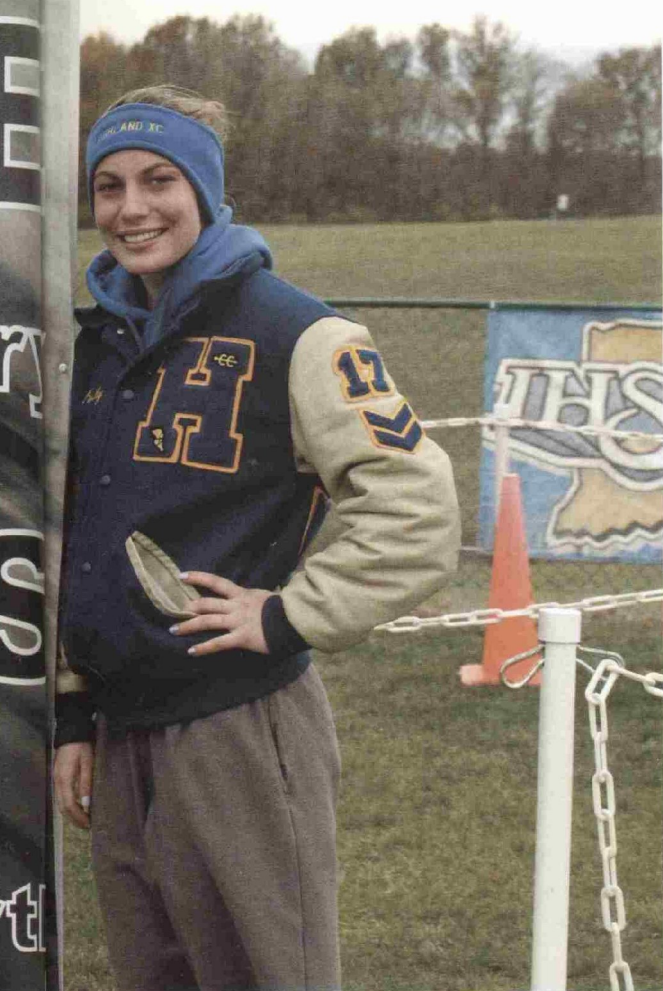


# MovING Forward

Many Highland students were able to continue their competition well into the post season and compete with kids from a variety of levels including regionals, semi-state, state and even a national participation. From running, swimming and wrestling, to playing a clarinet; our students are extremely talented.

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## what they HAD TO SAY!!



"The goal of moving on was something I had when the season started. I am glad that I was able to advance in the 800 meter and the 4x800 relay as a freshman."

KAYLA  
POLEN

## SHE SAID



"I made it to state, and competing at that level was an awesome experience."

CURTIS  
GIBSON



## HE SAID





**Activity Day** Mr. Joseph Panozzo supervised the spiderweb activity while Kyle Poczek (9) helped a classmate through the web. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Play me a Tune** Schroeder played Lucy, a tune on his mini piano, in the winter performance for Highland Theatre Company. Photo Provided by Inter State

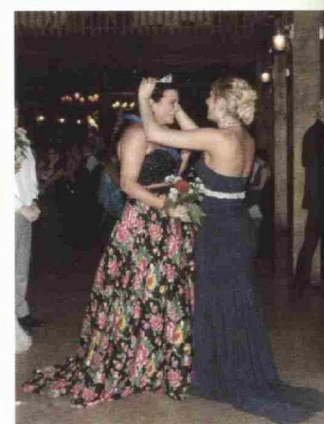


# IN the Moment

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**Ain't No Scrubs** The student section dressed up in scrubs and masks to show school spirit at a game against the Griffith Panthers. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner **It's a Magical Time** Marching Trojan Pride spent time at Walt Disney World over Fall Break. Photo Provided by Kenna Crowel

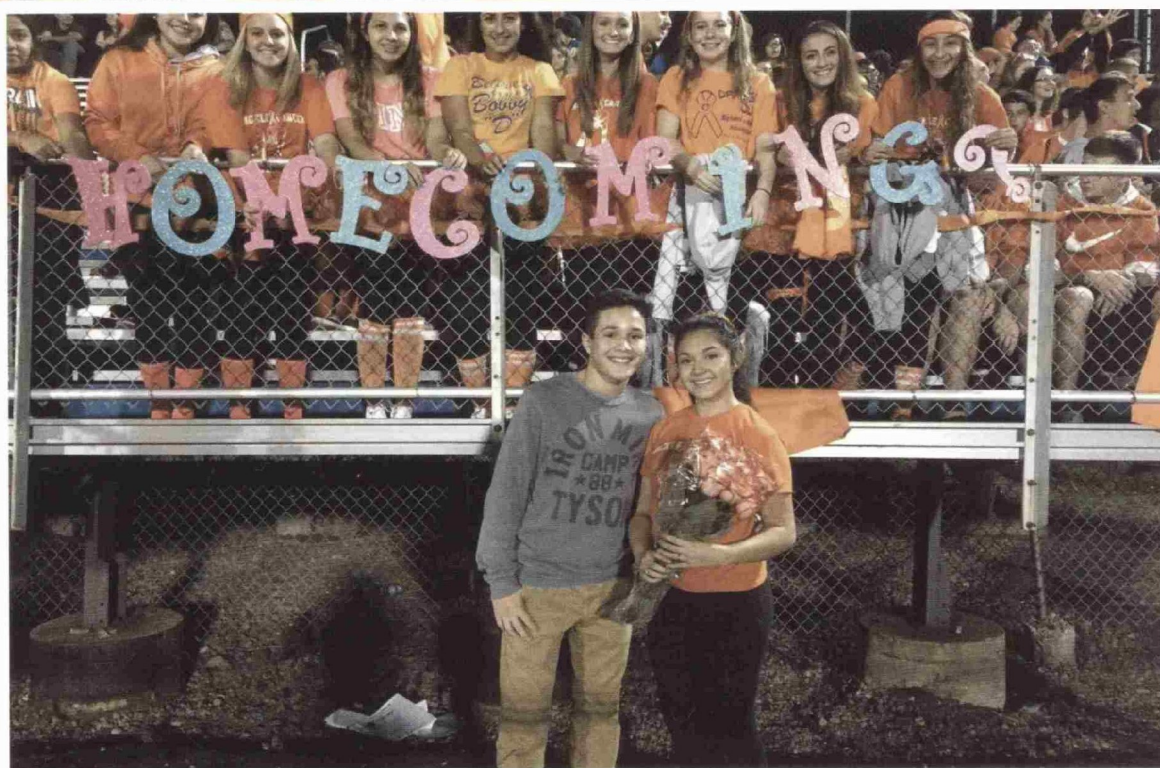
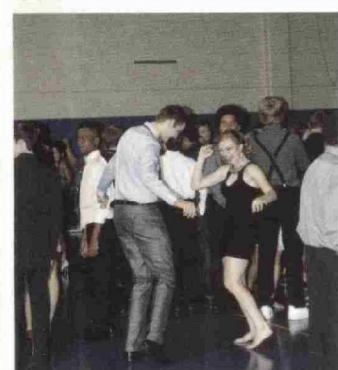


**Float On** The German Club joined other clubs in the cart decorating contest for a walk around the gym during a pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Under the Crown** Last year's prom queen, Katherine Kerber (12), transferred the crown to Allison Brown (11) during prom. Photo Provided by Inter State





**Making History** While on the road at Griffith High School on January 19, 2016, Taylor Steele (11) scored her 1,000th point placing her into the second highest scorer position for the Lady Trojans. Photo Credit: Stephanie Sprague **Dancing with a Smile** Morgan Vaclavik (12) danced around the Blue Gym for her last Homecoming Dance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Homecoming Proposal** Sofia Arrue (11) was greeted by her boyfriend on the football field at the end of the Sapphires performance to be asked to the Homecoming Dance. Photo Provided by Sofia Arrue





# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Dearly beloved, ...

"We are gathered here..." as everyone gathered while the Highland Theatre Company started off their 2015-2016 season with the performance of "Dearly Beloved". This was HTC's second novice production which allowed underclassmen and newcomers an opportunity to achieve starring roles, while veteran actors were able to experience the production from the director's point of view. With student director, Zachary Fraley (11), under the guidance of HTC's co-sponsors, Mr. Matthew Domasica and Mr. David Markley, this play was

very successful. Mr. Domasica said, "The way I chose the play was to make a list of possible novice plays, and then chose the one that I though was the best. Everyone tried their very best and did very well." Through the expert eyes and distinctive creativity of the student director, everyone was able to make this a very special play for the audience to enjoy. Fraley, along with assistant director Jack Lebeter (10), put together a terrific cast for his first ever directing experience.

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**WONDERFUL ACTING** Ryan Moskalick (9) fell to the ground to follow his role in the script. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

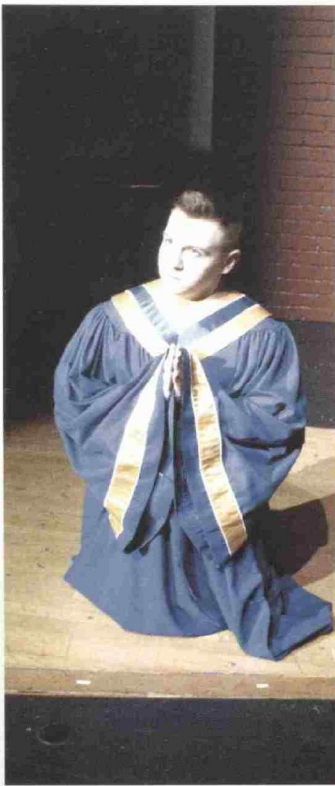


**ME, ME, ME** David Allison (10) said he was a wealthy farmer. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **PREACHING** Amber Gallagher (11) preached out to the crowd while Brittney Siver (10) and Bethany Pindrock (10) watched her. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **LISTEN HERE** Bethany Pindrock (10) told the crowd to listen to her. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

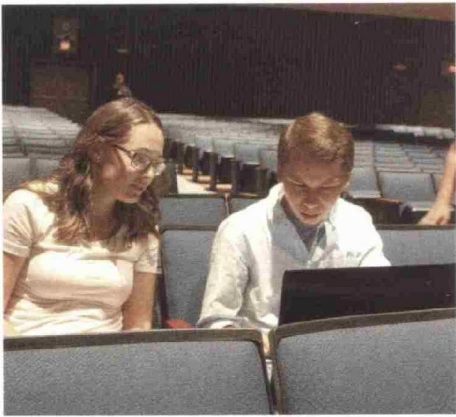




**DISCUSSION** Paige Fanning (9) discussed the situation with Amira Zahabi (9) in regards to the hotel dilemma. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**HOLY MAN** Alexander Traina (10) prayed to God. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**THINKING HARD** Emily Smith (12) shared critiques with Zachary Fraley (11). Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**WHAT IS FOR DINNER** Brittany Siver (10) is disgusted for what is for dinner. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**PURE SASS** Lilly Wall (9) rolled her eyes in annoyance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Running Out** The football team runs out of the inflatable helmet and through the lines of cheerleaders to enter the field. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Teammates** A group of offensive players gather to celebrate a Trojan touchdown. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner

**Cheer** The cheerleaders lead the student section in cheering for the Trojans for Homecoming 2015. The student section wore their scrubs for the occasion. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner



# IN The Spirit

## Homecoming 2015

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**On the Field** Mervyn Dela Cruz (12) plays his trumpet during half time of his senior homecoming. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Smile** The homecoming court takes a picture with big smiles. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner  
**Facial Expressions Are Key** Brianna Baca (11) dances with the Sapphires during the half time show. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**ARRRG!** Riley Wyant (12) dresses up for pirate day during spirit week. Photo Credit: Faith DuVall  
**Homecoming?** Michael Kristy (12) asks Christine Anderson (12) to the homecoming dance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**The King & Queen** Hunter Rycerz (12) and Amanda DeJesus (12) stand together to take a picture. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner



## SPIRIT DAYS

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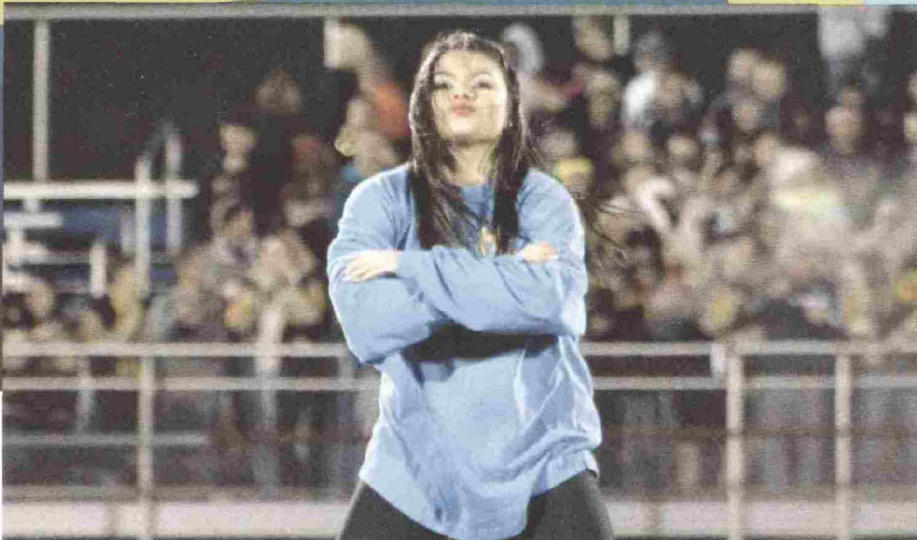
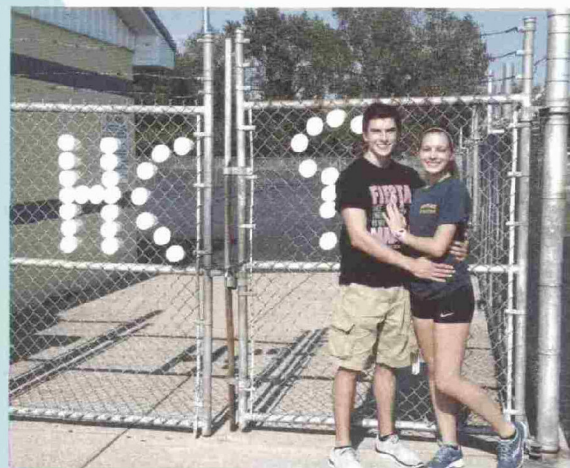
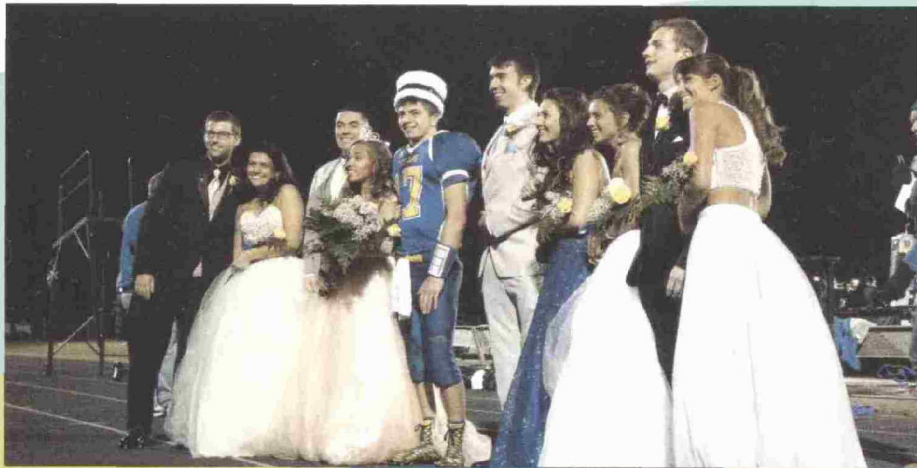
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"BLUE & GOLD"

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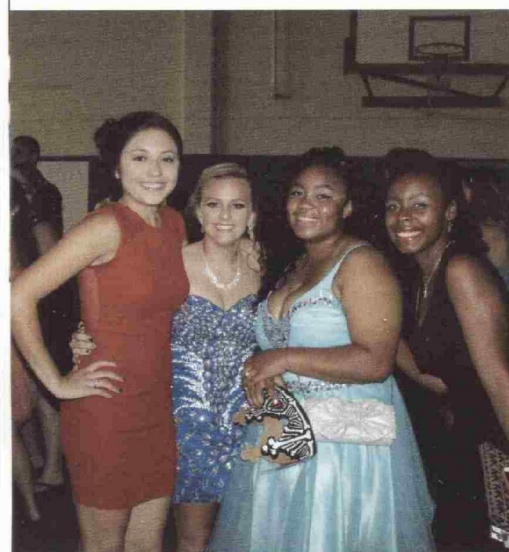
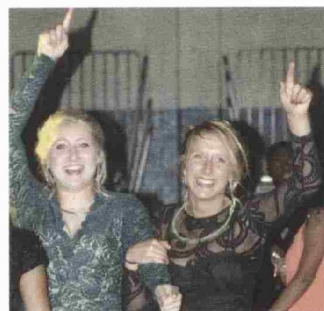
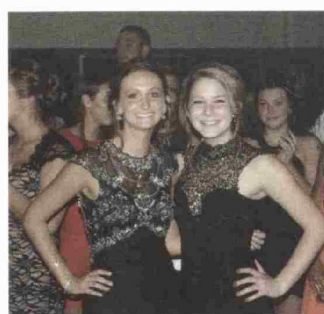




# IN the Titanic

Highland High School's auxiliary gym magically transformed into the Titanic wreck site, and students danced the night away "Under the Sea." Everyone noticed how the tiny blue gym was transformed into a magnificent aquatic scene. Everyone danced with their most favorite friends. In place of the Grand Staircase, a lengthy line formed for the photo booth to take all types of fun, goofy photos with multiple options of props. All night there was huge group dance in middle of the dance floor having a whale of a good time until the Homecoming Court took over the floor with their beautiful princess gowns and crowns. The king, Hunter Rycerz (12) and queen, Amanda DeJesus (12) were the most admired duo at the dance. After, the court took the floor for their slow dance for the last time. Then, the music got up beat again and everyone danced to the best songs ever. The night was perfect, and ended on the perfect wave.

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**Strike a Pose** Casey Olah (12) and Lindsey Norton (12) look gorgeous for their final Homecoming. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

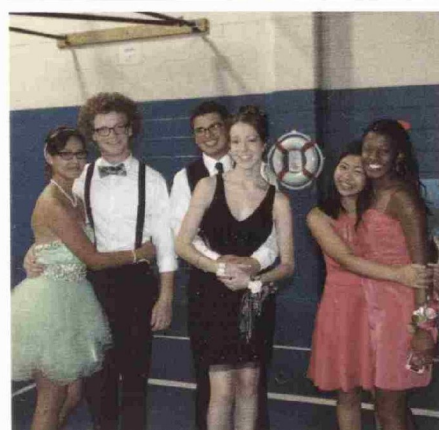
**Seniors Rule** Our class is the best! Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Dressed With Class** Lilliana Avina (12), Bailey Whitehead (12), Kristoria Cannon (12), and Rhaven Richardson (12) take a break from dancing as the court sets up for introductions. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Strong Friendship Bond** Sophomores can clean up nice for a night of dancing. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Setting Sail** Dates for the evening are full of smiles while looking out over the sea. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Photo Booth Props** Freshmen have no worries about jumping into the fun of their first Homecoming Dance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Royalty** Hunter Rycerz (12) and Amanda DeJesus (12) are introduced for the final time at the Homecoming Dance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



## Under the Sea

**Group Shot** The Homecoming Court gathers as the court dance comes to an end one last time. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

## HOMECOMING ADVENTURES

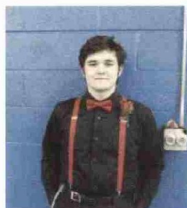


I got my dress weeks before the dance so I had time to find my accessories. Getting ready this year was a lot easier than last year's dance.

**ARTASIA JAMES**

Other than the issue with the DJ at the beginning of the night where he stopped playing music it was an enjoyable night.

**SAMUEL PIZZUTO**



I took pictures with Casey Olah at her house before the dance, and went out to eat after with friends. Then went back to Casey's house for a sleepover.

**CRYSTAL MIKHAIL**

It was nice that I was able to hang out with friends for the night. I can't wait for upcoming dances to happen again.

**MATTHEW ROACH**





# Winning Gold

**Performing Aurora** The 2015 show contained three movements: an opener, ballad, and closer. Even though the three movements share the theme Aurora, each movement has its own style. Transitioning from one movement into another takes hard work in rehearsals, but with the dedication and discipline Marching Trojan Pride has it paid off by winning gold multiple times this season. Photos Provided by Marching Trojan Pride



**Marching Forward** The marching band performs their show, Aurora, during a football game's half time. Photo Provided by Koutz Family



**Mickey's Parade** Marching Trojan Pride was announced in front of thousands at Walt Disney World. Photo Provided by Marching Trojan Pride **Center Snare** Caitlin Liskey (12) helps keep the band in tempo. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Tough Girl** Sara Finke (10) never let a stress fracture stop her from marching. Photo Provided by Koutz Family



# Aurora-IN Step

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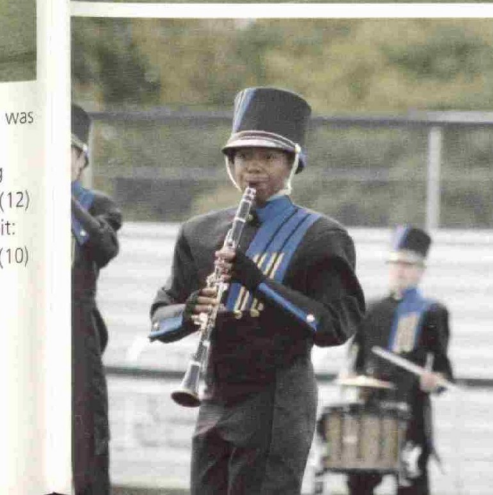
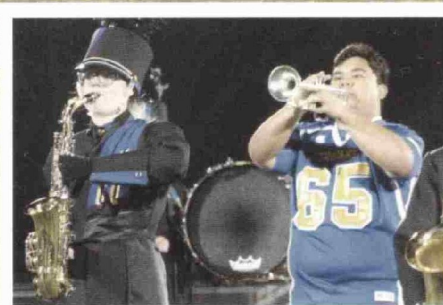
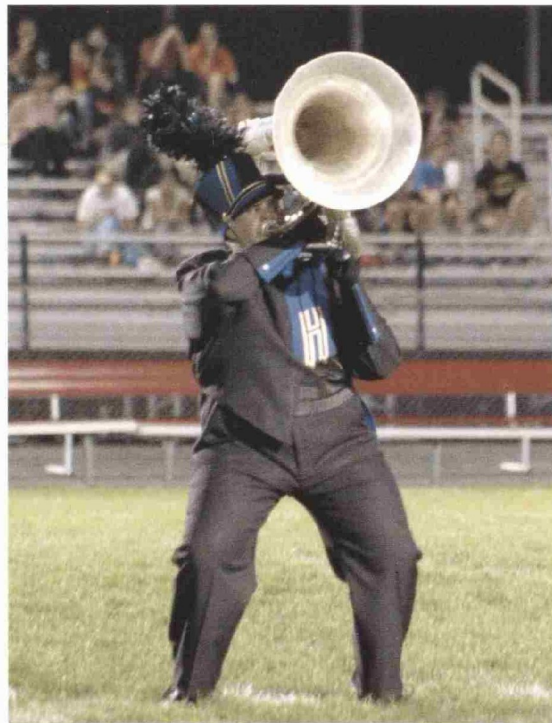
When many people think of marching band, they think of just that, the marching band. They think it's not a sport. They think it's easy and not tough to do. When the reality is that marching band is more than wearing the uniform and playing music. Its members are part of their little community, family, and special world. To band members, this program is their life. They love the feeling of walking into the band room, their home away from home, their sanctuary, but more importantly they love the actual activity itself. As band member, Ghenella Salanio (11), says, "It may seem like we all hate each other, but at the end of the day, we rely on each other."

The 2015 show was titled Aurora, as in the Aurora lights. It definitely took long hours in rehearsal to put on, but it was all worth it. The band came away with four golds and one silver. They also got multiple special visual achievement awards; however, their best performance was at their home festival where they were awarded a gold rating and all three special achievement awards that can be awarded visual, musical, and general effect. As Director, Mr. Brian Blocker, states, "These awards represent a compiled score from a panel of judges on how well our band executed Aurora."

Finally to wrap up marching season, they got to march down Main Street, USA in Disney World! This is a huge achievement in itself, because thousands upon thousands of bands apply but only a few get selected each year. As described by Christopher Koutz (9) marching is "exciting because you feel such accomplishment."

Marching band may not be considered a sport, but they work as hard, if not harder, as any other sport. They worked day in and day out through the extreme heat, bitter cold, and freezing rain without a thought in mind of ever quitting. This school has a rocking marching band program with a marching band that's nothing less.

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**Drum Major** Maya Davis (12) gives her salute to start the show. Photo Provided by Koutz Family **Giving the Visual** Jonathan Bugno (12) perfectly executed a visual during part one of Aurora. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Dedication** Mervyn Dela Cruz (12), along with Isabel Knipe (9), perform at half time at a home football game. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Attention** The marching band stands at the ready before a performance. Photo Provided by Sprague Family **Busy Member** Leah Clark (11) finds the right balance between school, sports, and band. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



# Charlie Brown and Friends



Charlie Brown is such an iconic character, and it was exciting to portray his life that I have come to know.  
**ALEXANDER TRAINA**



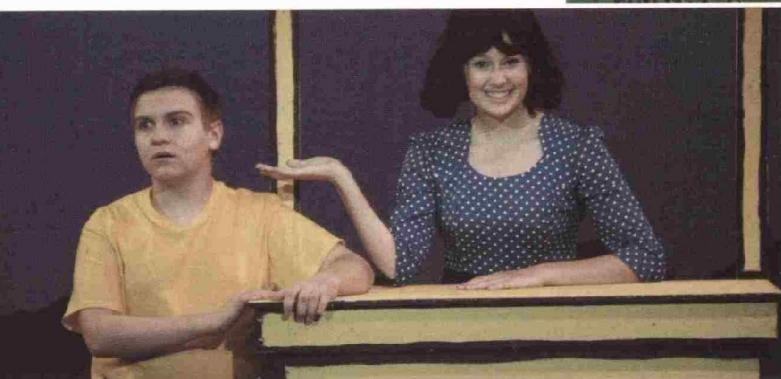
I'm thankful I am enrolled in choir because it helped me develop the voice to be able to fill this role.  
**PAIGE FANNING**



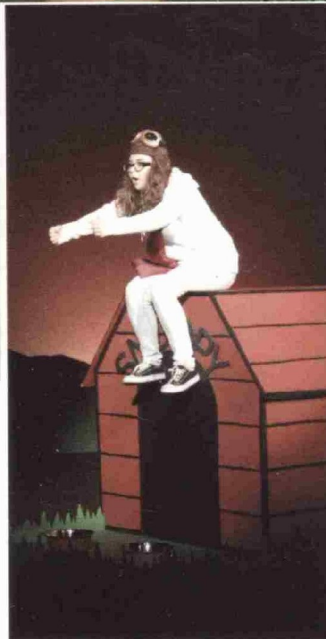
I didn't know any of the cast members prior to the show, but they all ended up being like family to me.  
**LUKE WASOWICZ**



I loved the cast, and really enjoyed being on stage. Memorizing scripted lines was a learning experience.  
**EMILY SMITH**



**The Doctor Is In** Lucy, played by Emily Smith (12) offers psychiatric help to Alexander Traina (10) for only five cents. Photo Provided by Inter State



**Cast** The cast gathers at Snoopy's house for a group shot. Photo Provided by Inter State **Fly Away** As Snoopy takes off for a flight, Paige Fanning (9) takes the audience up in the air with her in her airplane. Photo Provided by Inter State **Speaking Her Mind**. With her voice projected for all to hear, Lucy makes her opinions known to those on stage and in the audience. Photo Provided by Inter State



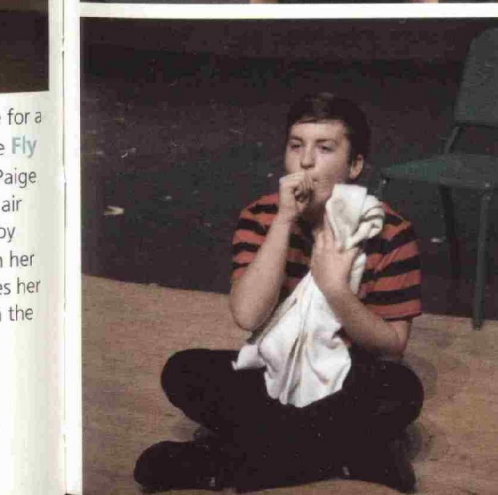
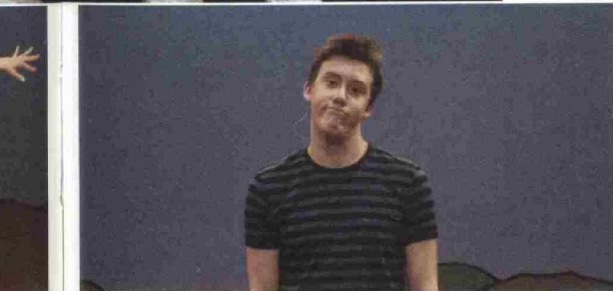
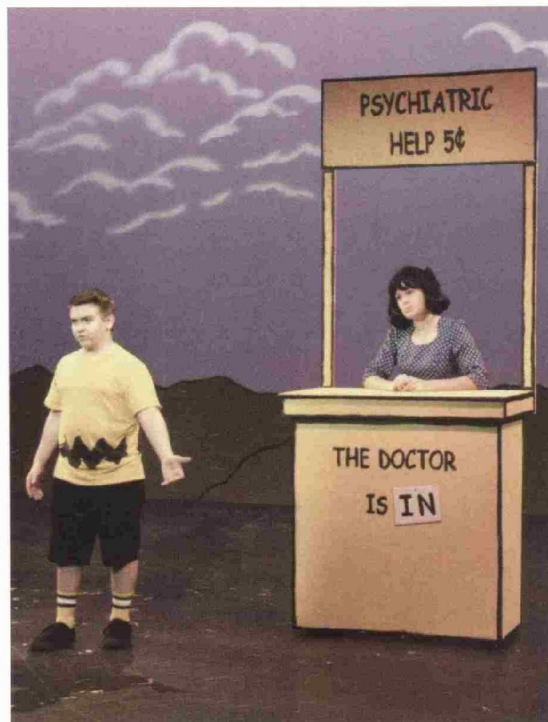
# IN the Peanuts

## World on Stage

With the Peanuts gang being a beloved icon, it was easy for the Highland Theatre Company to bring them to life and to center stage. The HTC co-sponsors, Mr. Matthew Domasica and Mr. David Markley, put on a brilliant production for everyone to enjoy. Mr. Domasica reported, "The play went well, because everyone worked hard and did a good job making all their time and effort pay off."

The very talented actors and crew thrilled their audiences for three consecutive nights as they skillfully brought the world famous characters to life. The characters: Charlie Brown played by Alexander Traina (10), Morgan Vaclavik (12) as Sally Brown, Snoopy played by Paige Fanning (9), Ryan Moskalick (12) as Schroeder, Lucy Van Pelt played by Emily Smith (12), Luke Wasowicz (9) as Linus Van Pelt, and the stage and production crew all helped to make this a memorable performance.

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**First Theatre Production** Morgan Vaclavik (12) played the role of Sally Brown in her first time on stage. Photo Provided by Inter State **Psychiatric Help** The doctor is in to offer help to those in need. Photo Provided by Inter State **Doggy Bowls** Paige Fanning (9) decides on what color bowl he wants to eat out of. Photo Provided by Inter State **Funny Faces** Ryan Moskalick (12) plays Schroeder as he gives the audience a look when something funny is happening. Photo Provided by Inter State **Thumbs And A Blankie** Luke Wasowicz (9) as Linus sits with his beloved blankie while sucking his thumb just as the iconic character does. Photo Provided by Inter State





# Madrigal DINNER

## Dinner and a Show

The second consecutive Madrigal dinner was held on December 4th and 5th, 2015 in the high school cafeteria. The choir and theater classes worked together to transform the cafeteria into an unrecognizable medieval castle, where they held a show and dinner for all who attended. The cast of students changed their looks, dialect, and thoughts into a great performance. The cast came together as a team to make great memories and have an unforgettable experience. Husam Suboh (10), a madrigal

performer said, "This years madrigal was really fun. My family enjoyed watching the performance and it was cool that they got to see me perform!" It did not matter if the guest was 7 or 70, Madrigal allowed it's audience to escape reality. Mrs. Molly Arroyo and Mr. David Markley were the directors who made this all possible. With the hard work and dedication of the entire cast and crew both behind the scenes and center stage, this group was able to entertain our community. PAGE BY: *Zainab Suboh*







**King and Queen** King, Edwin DeJesus Jr. (9) and Queen, D'Jesenia Torres (9) propose a toast to the guests. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Enjoyment** Valerie Brunt (9), Samantha Foye (10) and Estrella Gutierrez-Solis (9) look on as the king and queen share their wisdom. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Play Along** Choir teacher, Mr. David Markley, plays the piano for the ensemble. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Cheers** Maulie Lewandowski (12) cheers as the king and queen make an announcement. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **The Men** Ryan Foster-Harmon (9), Omar Perez (9) and Jake Stivers (9) patiently wait for dinner to be served. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **All Rise for Enter Royalty** Maya Dziepak (10) rises, along with everyone else, for the king and queen to enter. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **The Cast** The madrigal cast sings to the audience as dinner is being served. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Smiles** Both Nia Torry (12) and Emily Michalak (9) enjoy their very first madrigal performance. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

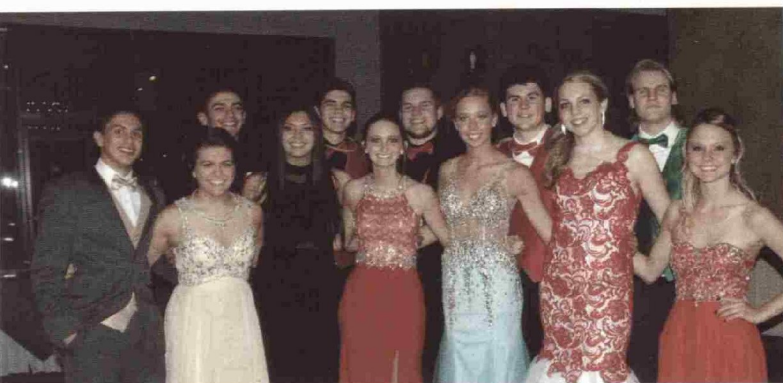
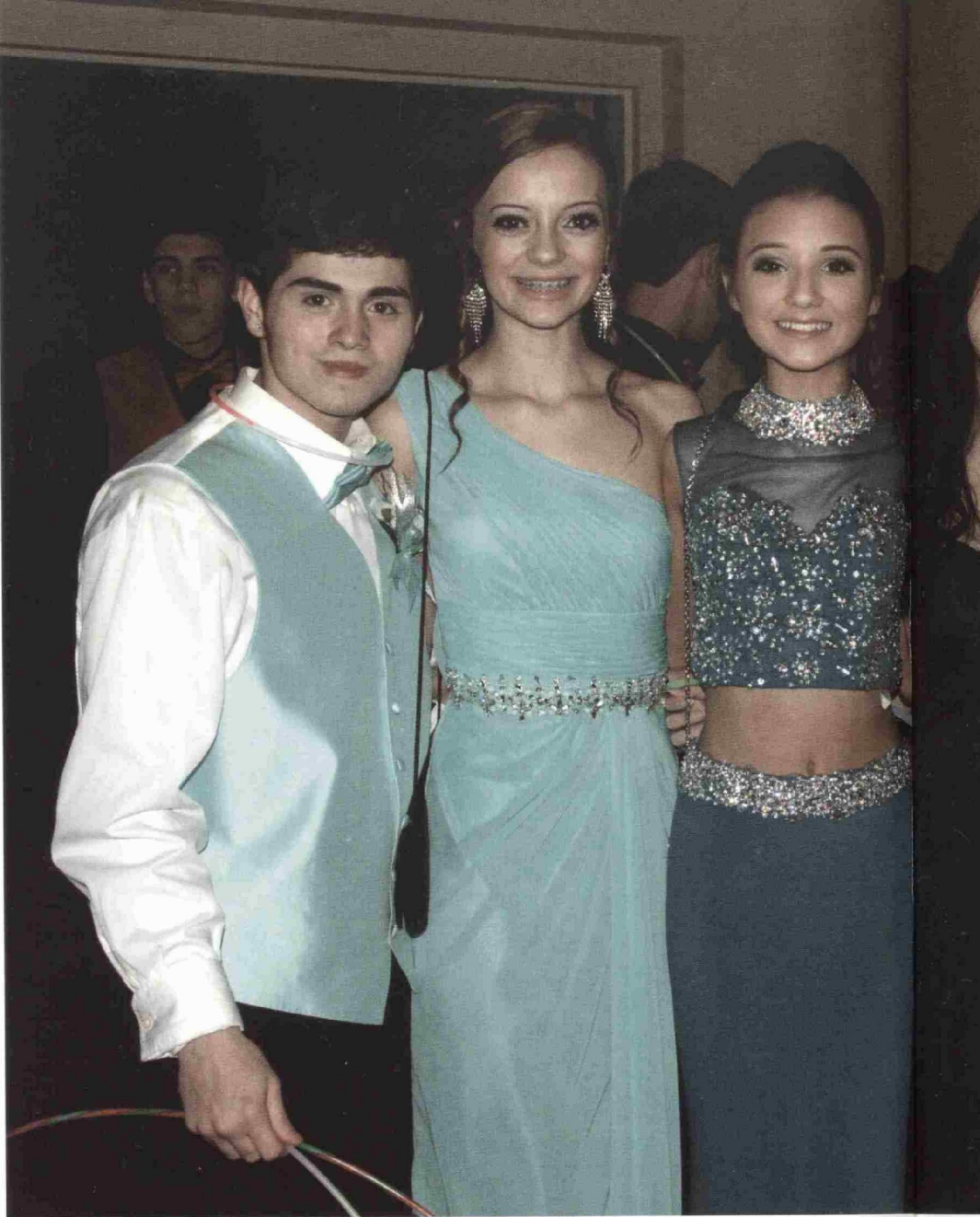
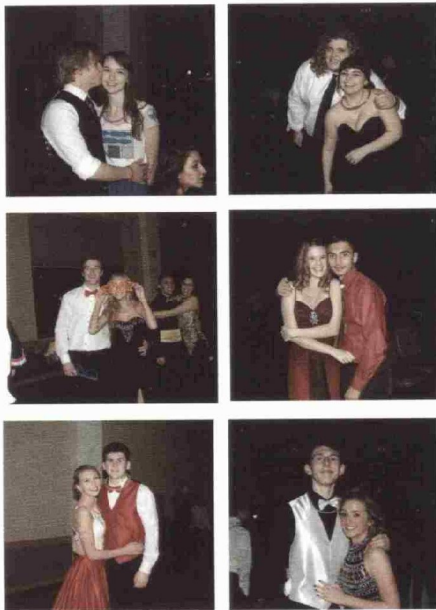


## Medieval Times

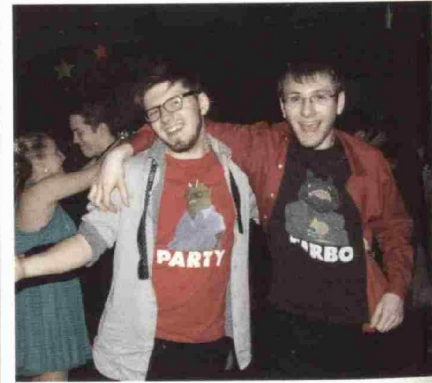
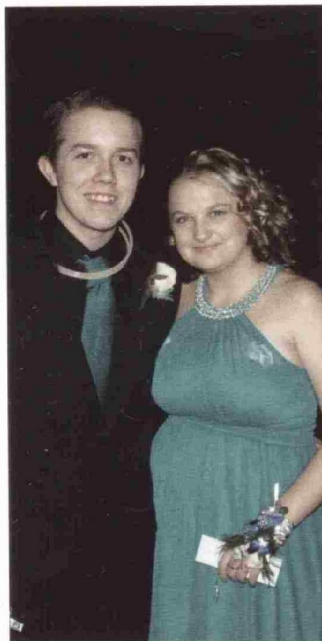


## Fashion Styles

Turnabout starred many traditional dresses, suits and formal wear; however, some students chose to step outside of the typical formal wear for this annual dance. No matter the attire, couples, friends and singles dressed their best and were full of smiles and laughter while the dj played his song list that kept students on the dance floor until the final song. Photos Provided by Inter State



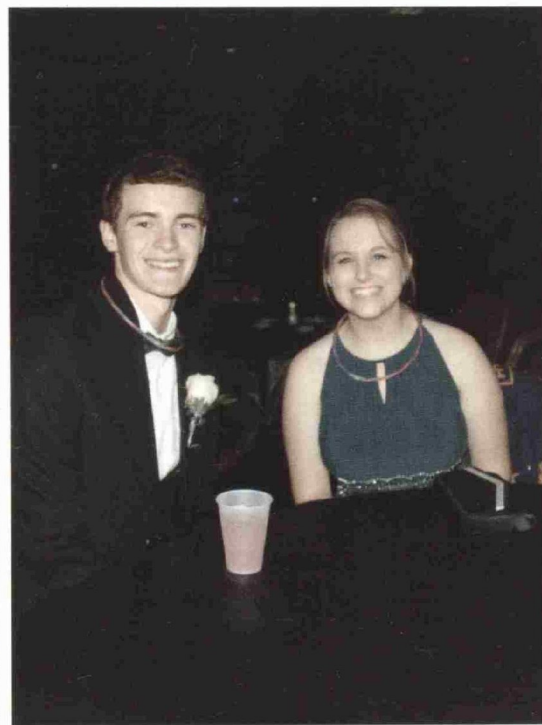
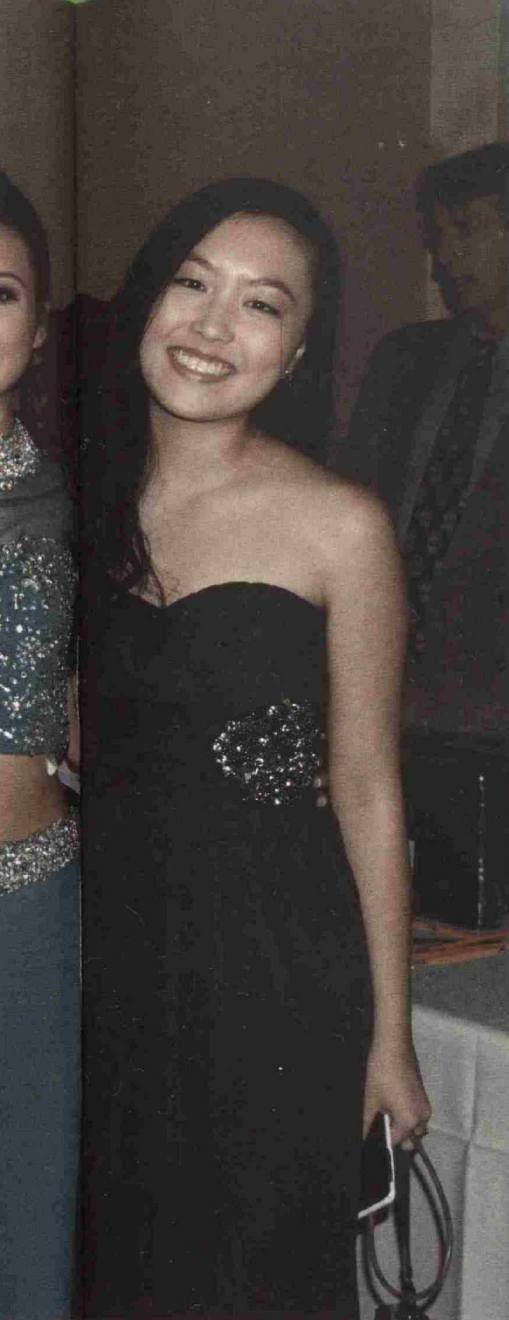
**Turnabout Court** The court gathers for one last picture prior to being announced to their peers. Photo Provided by Inter State



**First of Many** Dressing up in fancy outfits was an easy task for this group of freshmen. The student body all looked glamorous for Turnabout. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Glo-Necklaces** Brandon Dananay (10) and Olivia Ottman (9) have their tickets and glow necklace souvenirs ready to enter the dance. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Change of Attire** Michael Wagner (12) and Zachery Rebey (12) reveal their favorite t-shirts. Photo Provided by Inter State



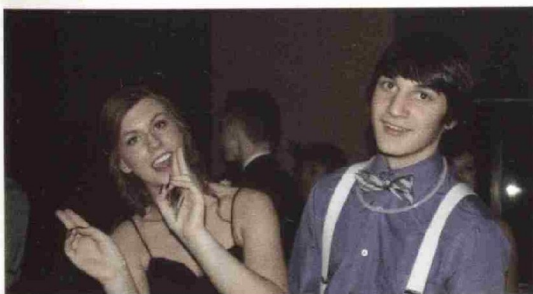
# IN Neon



## Memorable

Turnabout, held at Villa Cesare and ran by Athletics, was a great experience for all once again. With the help of the planning committee, a theme and decor was decided on. Girls took the lead and requested their dates in their own unique ways including: light sabers, locker decorations, butter, or balloons after a football game. The Friday night dance came and as Coaches manned the tables and check in process, students entered the doors in their finest formal wear. As glow sticks were passed out to wear as bracelets, necklaces or a head bands, students entered the ball room and went immediately to the dance floor. With limited space, the dancers had to squeeze closer but did not seem to mind. As the court was announced, attendees took a break. Paige Stange (12) and Seth Leon (12) were crowned Queen and King of the evening. With the addition of the photo booth, friends were able to capture the highlights of the night. As the music brought the night to an end, Turnabout was able to go down as one to not be forgotten.

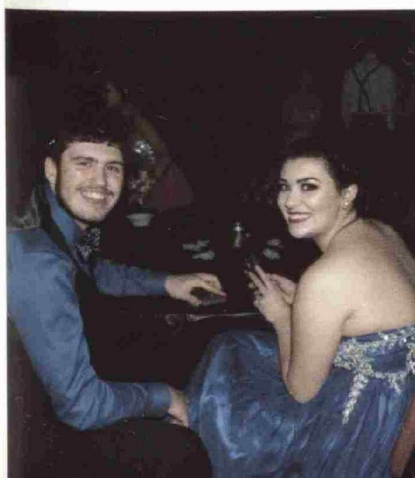
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I had an amazing time, and I thought everyone looked beautiful and happy. I was glad to have spent the night with my friends.

ALLISON BROWN

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**Group of Friends** The night brought many smiles from attendees including Gabriel Mondragon (12), Cameron Lynch (11), Dillon Edwards (12), Xavier Avila (12), Amanda Bishop (11), Nicholas Lewandowski and his date. Photo Provided by Inter State **Pause for a Moment** Evan Hillier (12) and date Mackenzie Lewis (11) take a seat for some conversation. Photo Provided by Inter State **Dancing Makes People** Happy Delia Curtis (9) and Anthony Mako (9) smile as they enter the dance floor. Photo Provided by Inter State **Guarding the Flowers** Marc Landes (11) and Nicholas Bremer (11) keep an eye on the belongings on the table while taking a break from dancing. Photo Provided by Inter State **Dressed in Blue** Nathan Tuskan (10) and Hannah Horvat (12) check in with social media updates. Photo Provided by Inter State

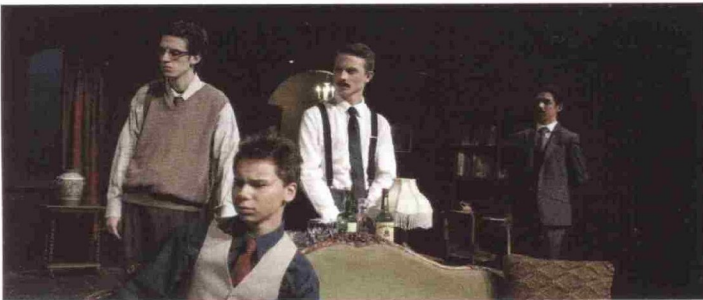


# IN Case You Missed It

## Caught Red-Handed

The Highland Theatre Company caught large audiences over three performances to come and watch their winter play *The Mousetrap*. Emily Smith (12) said, about her first time of being a student director, "The play went very well and I did not expect the outcome of what I saw." Smith also said, "The actors and actresses did very well and it was a good group to work with. It was unique to be behind the scenes rather than on stage and I realized that I can not control what happens." It was a great performance to watch as the drama unfolded through the acts. The cast of characters and audience discovered exactly what Detective Trotter played by Spencer Almeda (12) had done. The law enforcement that should have been protecting the guests, was the murderer.

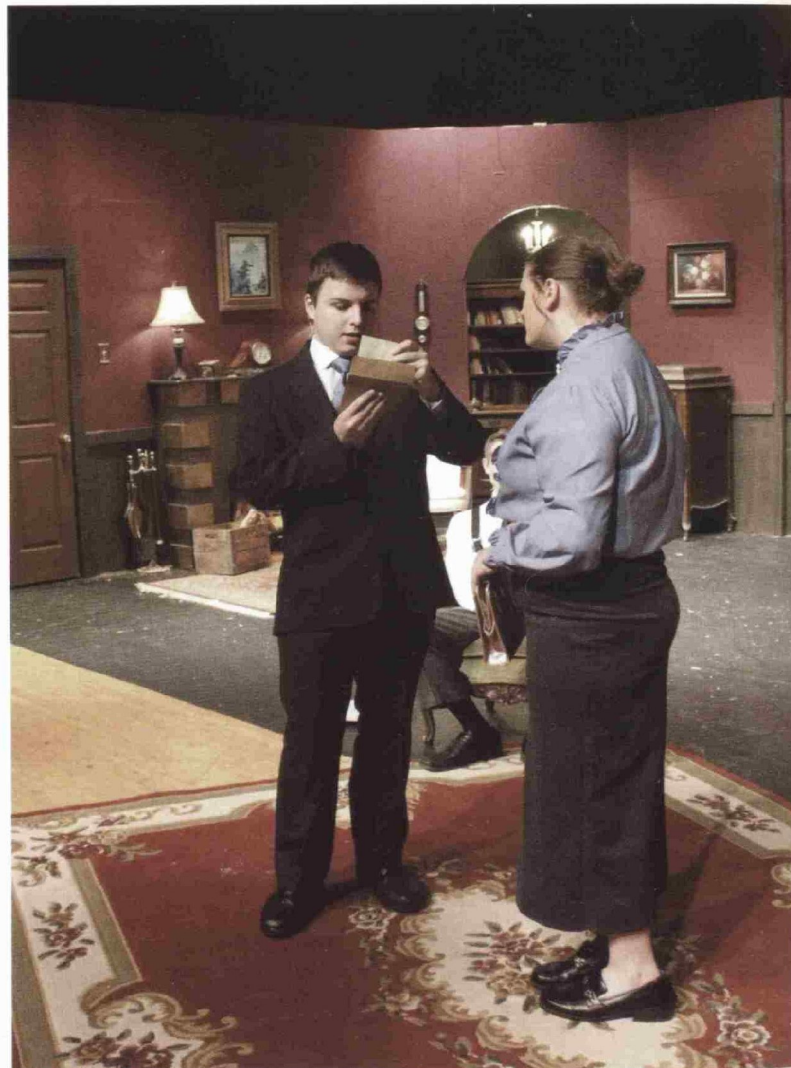
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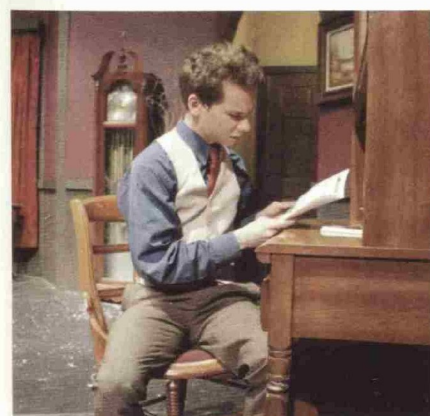
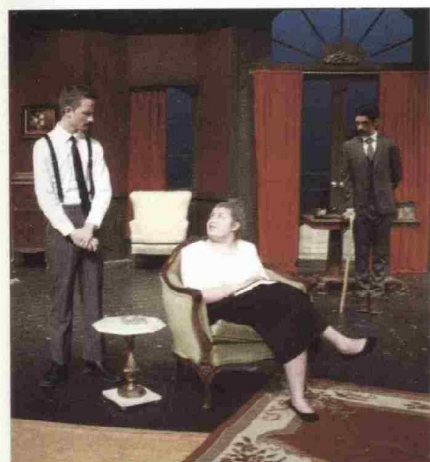
**Strange Looks** The gentleman of the cast send looks of shock and confusion across the stage. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Covering His Act** Spencer Almeda (12) questions the possible suspects before the truth is revealed. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza

**Interviewing Suspects** After being snowed in, Detective Trotter questioned Mrs. Boyle, played by Bethany Pindrock (10) in regards to her happenings. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza







**Snowed In** A group of stranded strangers are stuck in a boarding house and determined who the murderer really was. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza **Caption Lead** Retired Army Major Metcalf played by Christopher Peters (10) discussed the accommodations with Mrs. Boyle. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza **Nervous Wreck** Christopher Wren, played by Zachary Fraley (11) was calmed down by Amber Gallagher's (11) character, Mollie Ralston. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Taking Notes** Zachary Fraley (11) documented the happenings as the drama occurs. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Caught in the Act** Through the dark scenery, Spencer Almeda (12) strangled Mrs. Boyle and left her laying on the floor. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



# INtense Competition



**Do What it Takes** Anthony Caraballo (9) hits the ground as he dodges being hit by his opponents. Photo Provided by the Cotner family



**Best Costumes** This group of juniors was awarded best costumes for the 2nd annual dodgeball tournament. Photo Provided by the Cotner family  
**Can't Dodge This** This team of sophomores went into the tournament with high hopes, even though it was a quick set of losses for the group. Photo Provided by the Cotner family  
**Champions** The winning team was awarded their medals for their dodging skills portrayed at the event. Photo Provided by the Cotner family

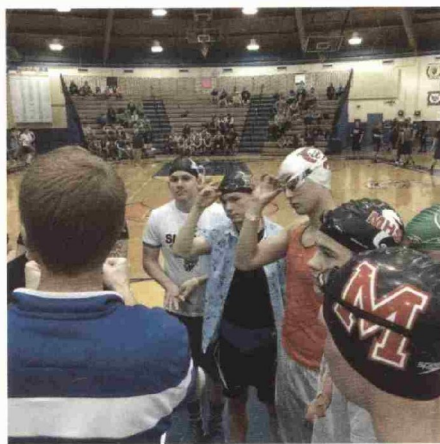
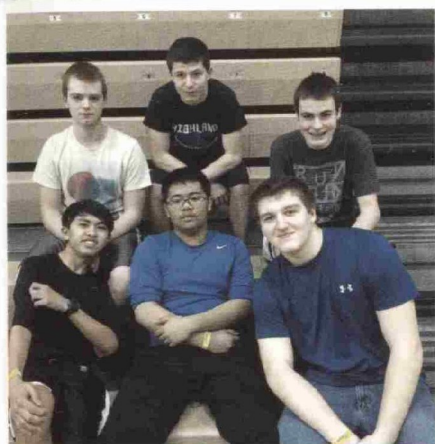






“With a lot of good athletes participating, they were able to maintain a fast paced game which made the competition so intense. This made it a lot of fun to watch.”

**CHRISTOPHER PETERS**



**Let the Games Begin** As the whistle sounded both teams ran out at full speed to claim a ball. Eric Wood (11) snatched the last one left on the line. Photo Provided by the Cotner family **Young but Determined** This team made up of Eric Alegre (9), Conrad Alegre (10), Andrew Sharp (10), Zachary Kochvar (11), Eric Larkin (11) and Matthew Roach (9) brought laughter on to the audience throughout their attempt to reach the top. Photo Provided by the Cotner family **Rule Review** Mr. David Cotner reviews the rules as the team made up of Andrew Vassar (10), Scott Stange (11), Cristian Zendejas (11), Clayton Whiting (10), Ethan Churilla (9) and Daniel Piech (10) raise their goggles to look on. Photo Provided by the Cotner family **Throwers Arm** Casey Austin (10) felt confident with his throwing arm during the competition. Photo Provided by the Cotner family **Make a Hit** Dylan Whitehead (12) makes his way through the first round of dodgeball, but was able to see his team advance. Photo Provided by the Cotner family

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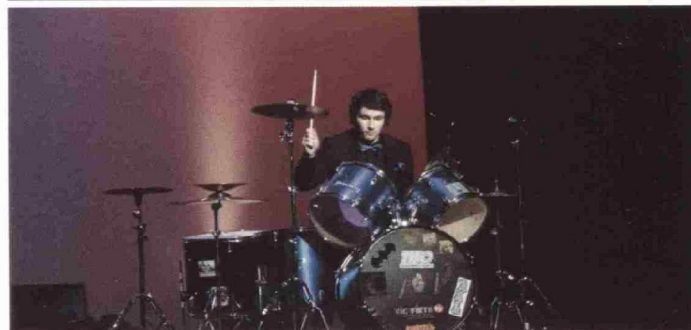
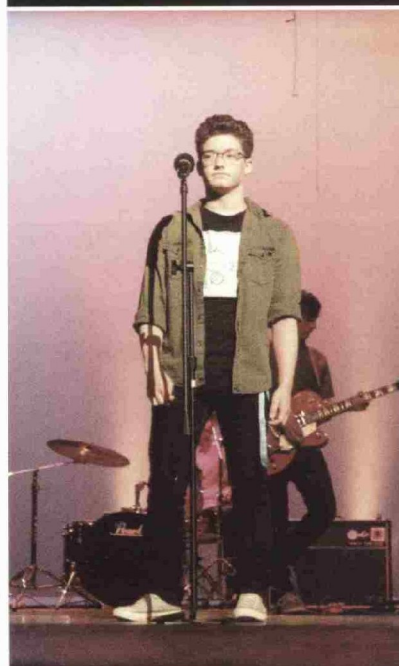
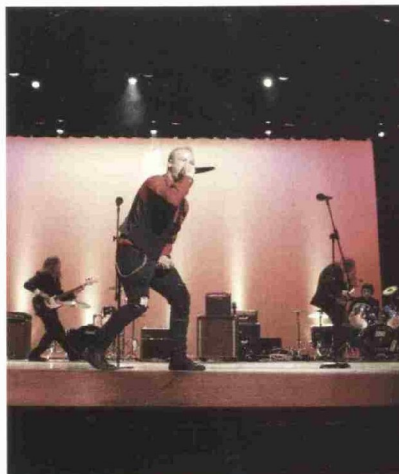
# Talent WithIN

**HEAVY METAL** "The Day We Buried Them" rocked the house with their song Bulls on Parade. Photo Provided by Inter State

**POSTURE + GESTURES** Brianna Loudermilk (9) gave it her all singing Helena. Photo Provided by Inter State

**SHUT UP AND DANCE** Scott Panchisin (11) with the backup of The Influence had the crowd grooving. Photo Provided by Inter State

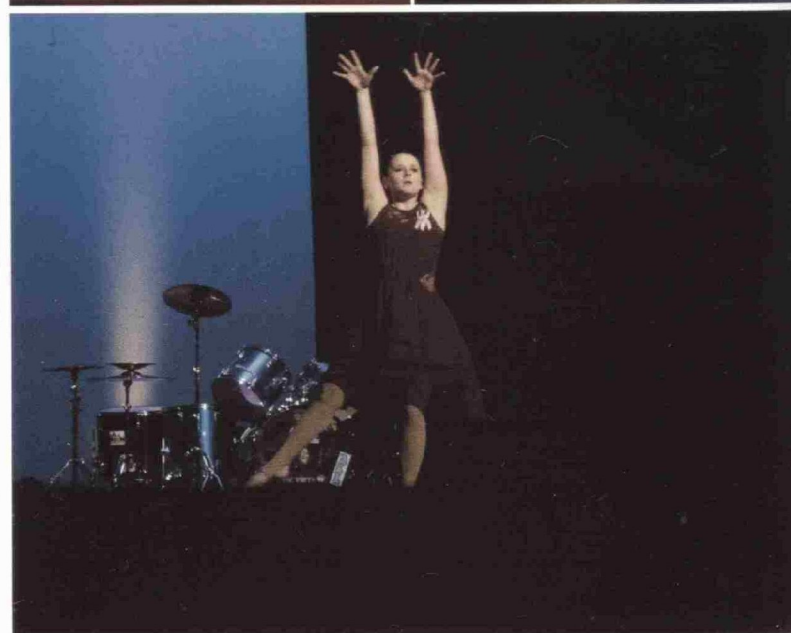
**IMAGINATION** Amanda Stastny (11) imagined herself winning with her amazing voice accompanied by her piano player Daniel Larmon (11). Photo Provided by Inter State



**DUETS RULE** Desirae Mueller (10) and Alana Ortiz (10) blended beautifully to Breeze Blocks. Photo Provided by Inter State

**ROCKIN' IT** Jacob Sylvester (11) performed a drum solo for the audience. Photo Provided by Inter State

**REACH FOR THE STARS** Victoria Smith (11) gracefully danced to Nothing Else Matters. Photo Provided by Inter State





## Annual Talent Show

The Class of 2018 proudly presented The Highland High School Talent Show for 2016 featuring some of the high school's outstanding performers. The audience was captivated as they watched an array of singing, dancing, and musical instrument expertise. Performing in solos, duets, and groups, the students displayed their artistic abilities to a welcoming, receptive, and appreciative crowd. In third place was Maxwell Chanthyvong (9) played Afterlife by Avenged Sevenfold on his guitar. Jacob Sylvester (11) took second place for his original drum solo performance to an original song. First place was awarded to Kelsie Zuklin (10) who danced to Youth by Daughter. Every performer displayed their talents throughout the night and put on an outstanding show.

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**THE WINNER** Kelsie Zuklin (10) danced beautifully to Youth and wins first place. Photo Provided by Inter State **ROBOT MAN** Eric Alegre (9) moved like a robot to every note of Outdream. Photo Provided by Inter State





# IN Makeup & Costume

## On The Roof

Fiddler on the Roof was set in Anatevka in the early 1900's. The story line is about a family that was set in their traditional of the jewish religion and life style. Marisa Anderson (10) said, "It was an enjoyable experience building a new family with Fiddler. This show had a historical attachment in it's story line;" however, the family had to learn to adapt to change as the story moved forward. As students transitioned into characters, they were required to understand the story line as well as the music. David Garcia (12) said, "Some of the music was emotional throughout the show. Sunrise, Sunset was a song during the wedding scene in which everyone was happy for the newly wedded couple. Another

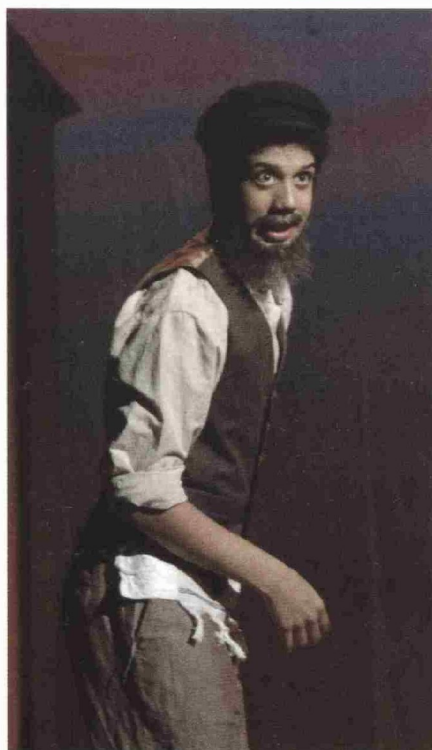
song called To Life that was set in a bar while the men of the town were celebrating the announcement of upcoming marriage. The final song in the musical was Anatevka. This song was on the other side of emotions for characters as the entire village was being forced out by the Russians." While the characters were exposed to a wide variety of emotions, the cast was able to express the emotion because the bond shared by the cast brought them close together. Kyle Ritenour (10) said, "The friendships and relationships that I developed with my fellow actors and actresses were a deep connection that brought us together as a family."

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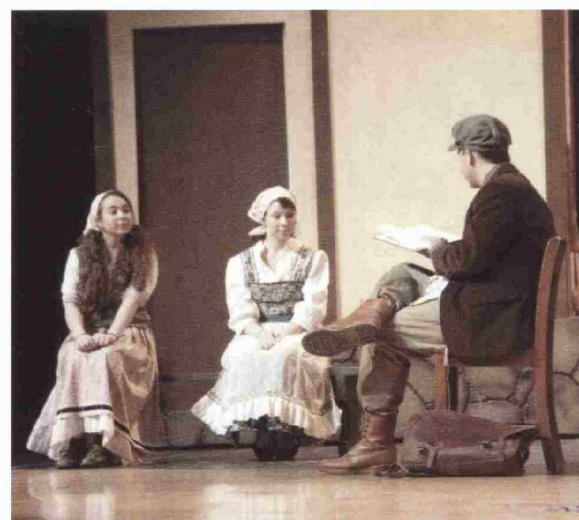
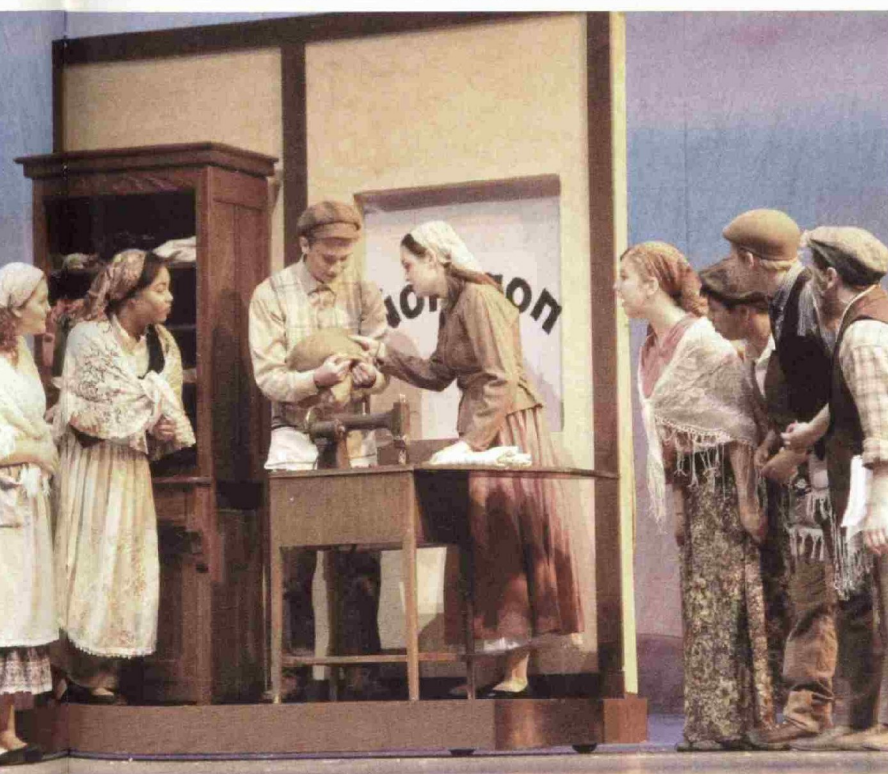
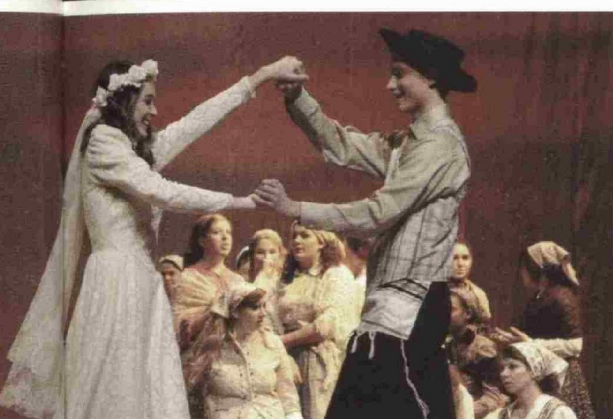




# FIDDLER



**Sabbath Prayer** Cast members gathered before dinner for the long Sabbath Prayer. Photo Provided by Inter State **The Rumor** With all of the changes in lives, the village spread rumors on who was getting arrested or who did what. Photo Provided by Inter State **Fiddler on the Roof** Ryan Moskalick (12) portrayed his fiddle playing skills throughout the show. Photo Provided by Inter State **Far From the Home I Love** As a daughter prepared to leave her home, she sang a solo to say goodbye to her father. Photo Provided by Inter State **Father Figure** Teyve, played by Orlando Orozco (12) wanted to maintain the jewish traditions within his family. Photo Provided by Inter State **Wedding Dance** After being married, Emily Smith (12) and Christopher Peters (10) shared the traditional first dance as husband and wife. Photo Provided by Inter State **Big Purchase** Motel, played by Christopher Peters (10) saved up his earnings to purchase a sewing machine. Photo Provided by Inter State **Schooling** Perchik taught a lessons to Paige Fanning (9) and Maya Dziepak (10). Photo Provided by Inter State



## Tradition

It was one of those moments that at first you thought you couldn't do, but after you wish you could have done more.

CATHERINE LARSON





# SprINging Into Spirit

Energy filled the gym as the pep rally began with the National Guard's jousting tournament. Everyone was caught by surprise when two freshmen were announced as the last standing. As the shopping carts entered the gymnasium, the judges voted the Japanese Club as the winning cart. The Junior class was announced as the winner for the regatta for the second year in a row. In other events the seniors were crowned winners of the egg race and three-legged race, while the sophomores bounced to victory in the bouncy ball race. Our highly spirited Assistant Principal, Mr. William Madura received a plaque to recognize his many years of service to Highland schools. Kyle Polster (12) said, "Pep rallies will never have as much school spirit without Mr. Madura." Another new addition to the pep rally routine was sumo wrestling. When Mr. Pere Dorsuleski and Mr. Rex Thompson smashed Mr. Anthony Constantino to the floor the student body erupted with cheers. As the school song sang to close the show, students agreed that it was the best pep rally of the year.

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**Engineering Style** The junior class won the regatta, but the other classes didn't bring much of a competition. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza

**Last Man Standing** The jousting event left Tadzui Bebout (9) the declared winner. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



## Fun Competition



**Ready to Sink or Swim?** The sophomores were ready to test their boat in the annual regatta competition. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza  
**Spinning Wheels** The wheels skidded across the floor as competitors like Hunter Reilly (10) rode the big wheels across the gym. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Last Voyage** Wilore Piguig (12) and Christian Vazquez (12) represented the senior class on their last boat regatta. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza  
**Back into the 80's** The sophomores became Material Girls for the cart competition. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**On a Boat** The freshmen didn't last one lap, but had fun building their boat. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza  
**Bouncing Around** The Mulligan bounced to claim the win. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Teachers having Fun** Staff members were brave to enter the sumo costumes and put on a show. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Friends** Kassidy Morinville (11), Brittany Raab (12), and Elizabeth Hoffman (11) beamed with excitement before prom. Photo Provided by Inter State



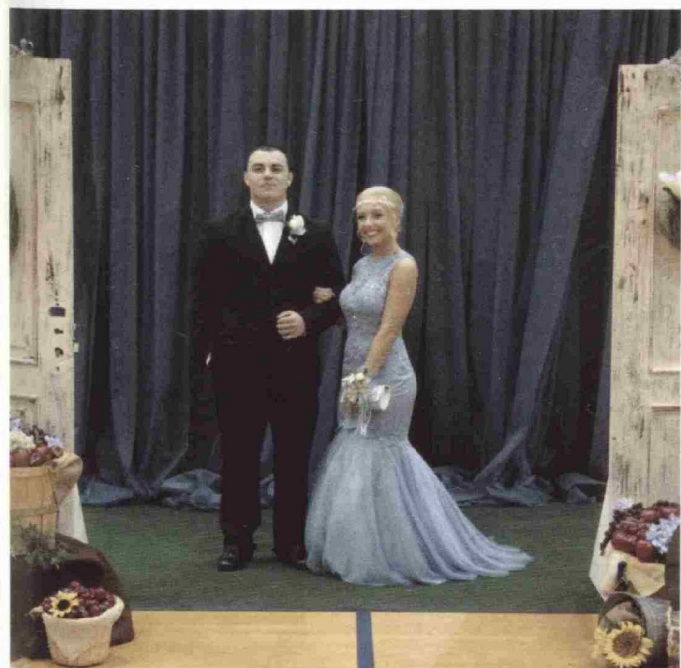
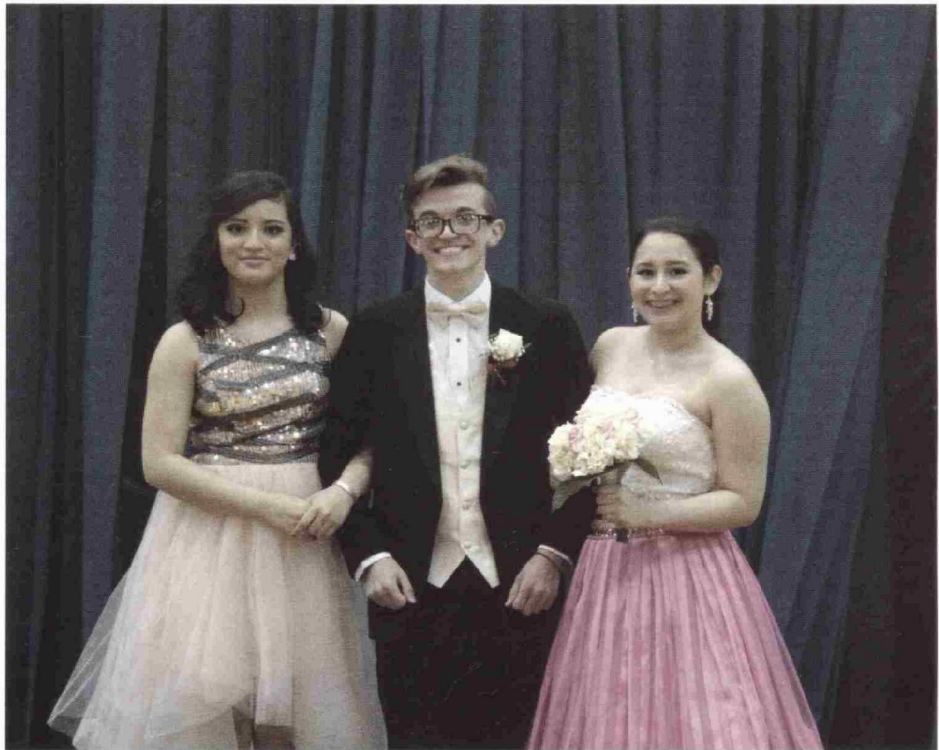
# WalkINg on the Red Carpet

Grand March

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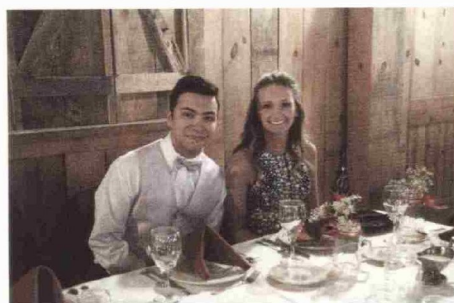
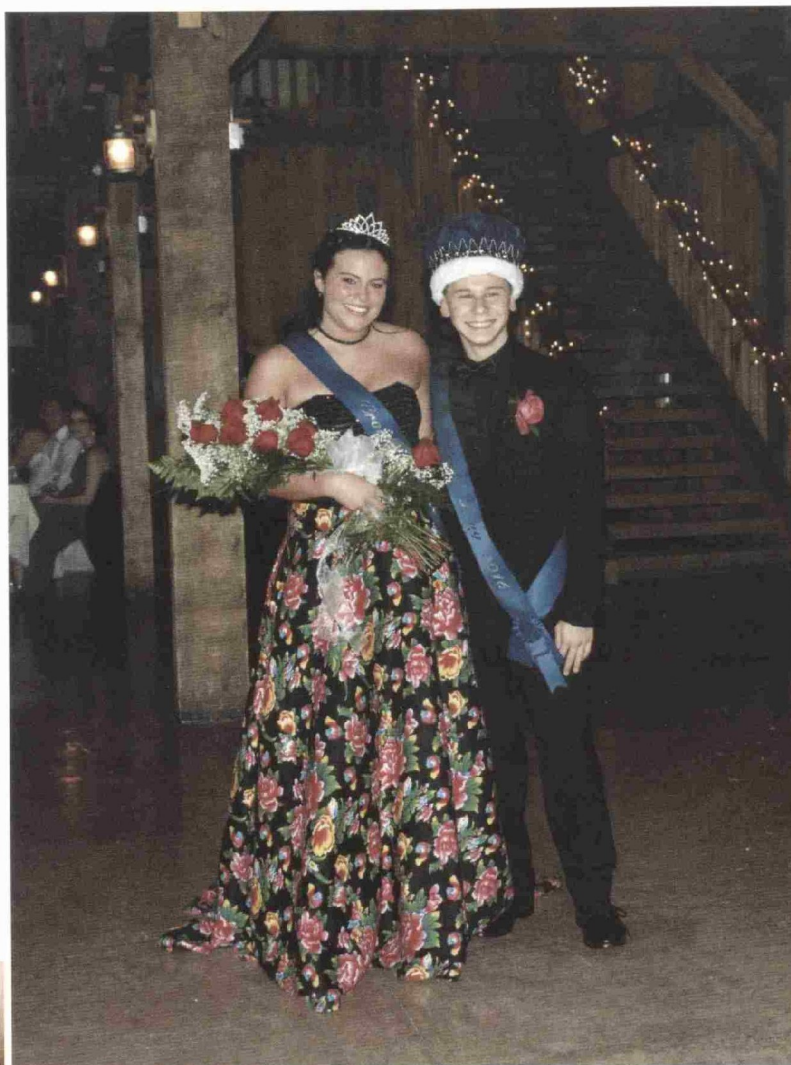


**Seniors** Shannon Jerome (12) and Madison Owens (12) were ready to have a good time with events that were to come. Photo Provided by Inter State **Pretty in Pink** Michael Domagalski (12) and Jenna Gericke (12) walked through one last Grand March as apart of their high school experience. Photo Provided by Inter State **Group Shot** The red carpet hosted several friends traveling to prom as a group. Photo Provided by Inter State **Gentleman** Jun Penaflorida (11) escorted Rylee Ross (11) to each of the photo stations. Photo Provided by Inter State **Couple** Justin Maldonado (12) and Meagan Scott (11) made a stop at Grand March to be announced to the audience. Photo Provided by Inter State **Friendship** Tyler Potesta (11) and Ashley Granados (11) were greeted by friends and family. Photo Provided by Inter State **Magical Night** Rachel Leep (12) along with Hubble Salgado (10) posed for their picture to be taken. Photo Provided by Inter State





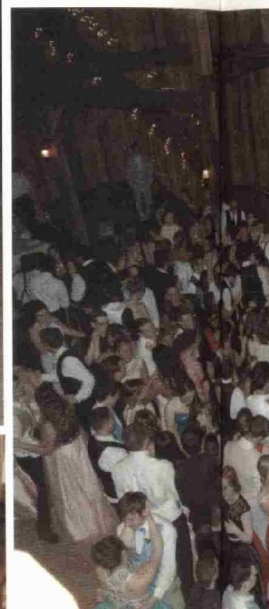
**Accepting the Crown** Allison Brown (11) and Zachary Fraley (11) were voted to be the new prom queen and king at the end of prom. Photo Provided by Inter State



**Small Talk** Casey Olah (12) and her date waited for their friends as they sat at the table. Photo Provided by Inter State **Swept Away** Nicholas Donsbach (12) and Grace Elrod (10) danced with each other as a slow song was played. Photo Provided by Inter State



**Enthusiasm** Abigail Krieger (12) danced the night away with her friend Makenzie Cox (12). Photo Provided by Inter State



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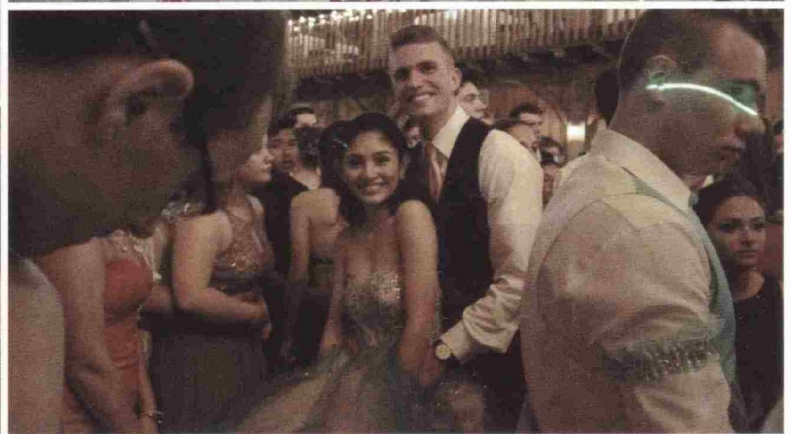
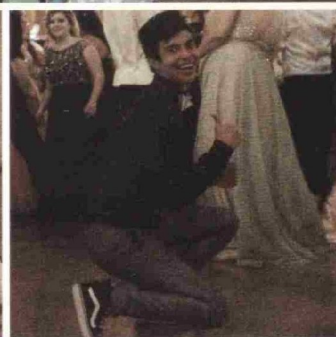
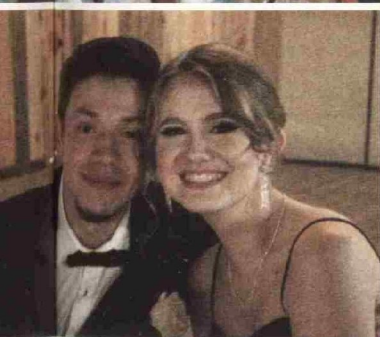
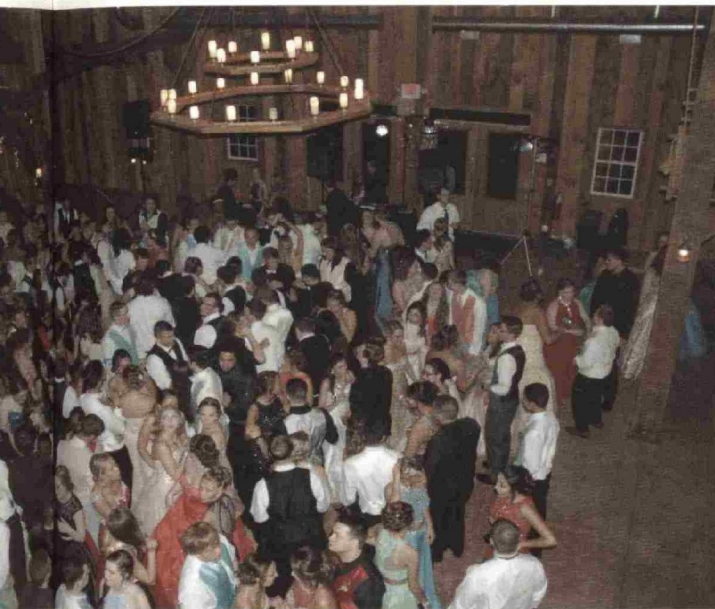
# County LINE Orchard

## Dancing Through the Night

The junior class along with their class sponsor, Mr. James Hus, helped make prom become a milestone for students that attended the formal dance at County Line Orchard. Dinner and snacks were offered throughout the night, along with music from Disco Dawn that continued to play and had everyone dancing. Junior Brittany Cruz said, "Prom meant so much to me. It was the best time of my life!" For many students, dancing was the best part of the night;

students liked dressing up and taking pictures with their friends. The best part of prom for Hanna Graves (12) was the atmosphere. "It was upbeat and exciting! I loved the lights around the venue. It was like they were giving off an almost fancy feeling, or even like a dream," she said. All in all, the prom committee worked hard to pull off an amazing moment for students to remember.

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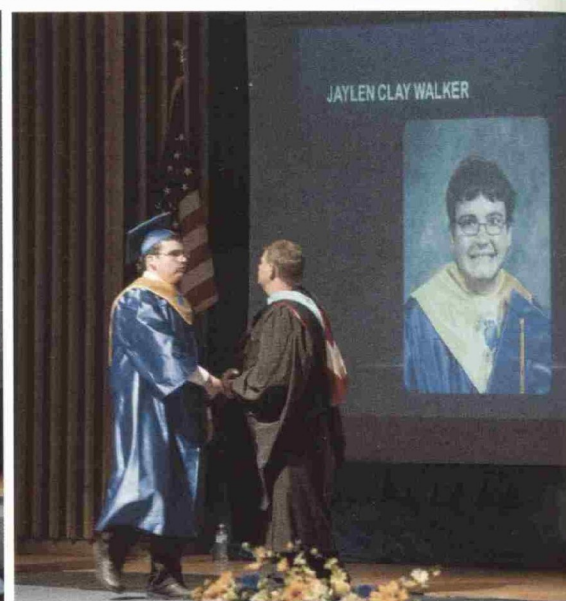
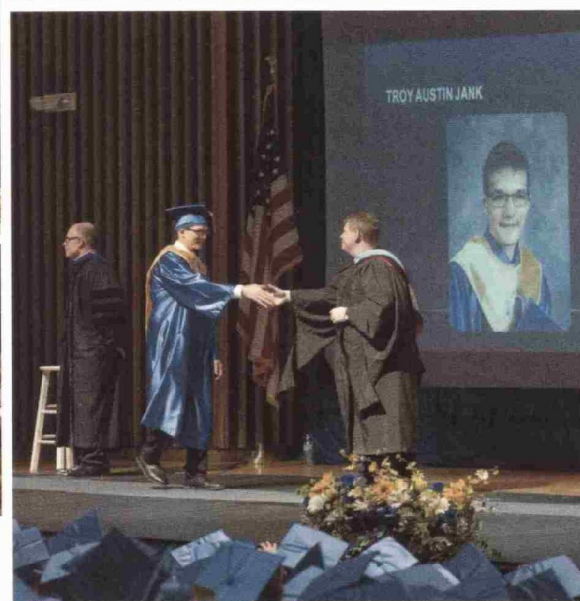
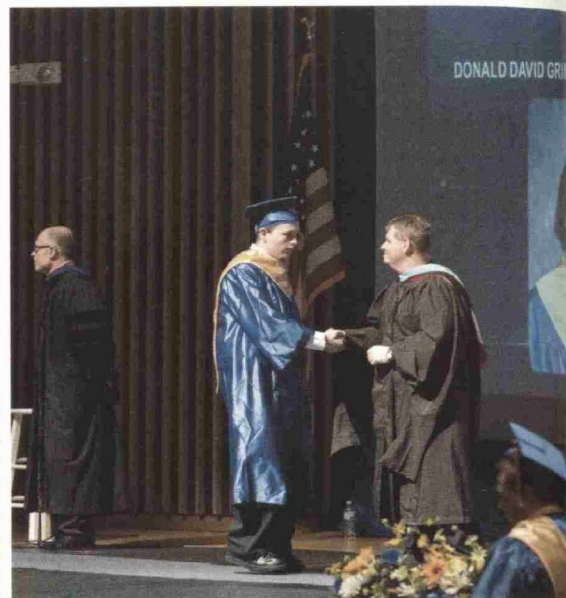
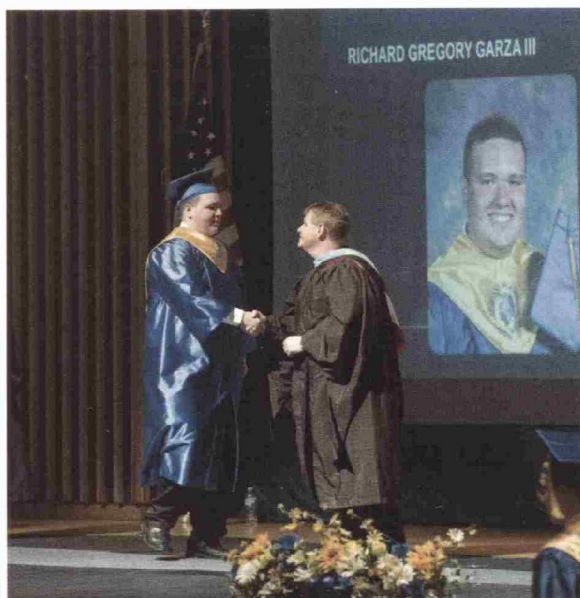
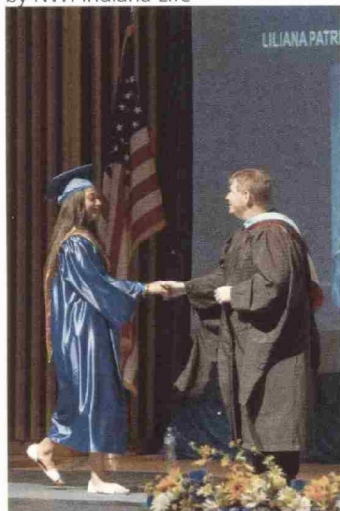
**All Together** Students gathered with their friends while they danced to music that was being played. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**Dressed Up** Gabriel Mondragon (12) and his date, Sara Miller (11) enjoyed the night together. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**On the Floor** Jacob Diaz (12) was excited to show off his dance moves to his friends. Photo Provided by Inter State

**Group of Friends** Elias Covarrubias (10), David LaCour (12), Riley Riordan (11) Alexandria Hernandez (12), Carissa Hurtado (12) and Enedina Covarrubias (11) were excited to see dinner being served. Photo Provided by Inter State  
**One More Dance** Berenice Iniguez (12) and Maximillian Tank (10) danced together before the end of the night. Photo Provided by Inter State

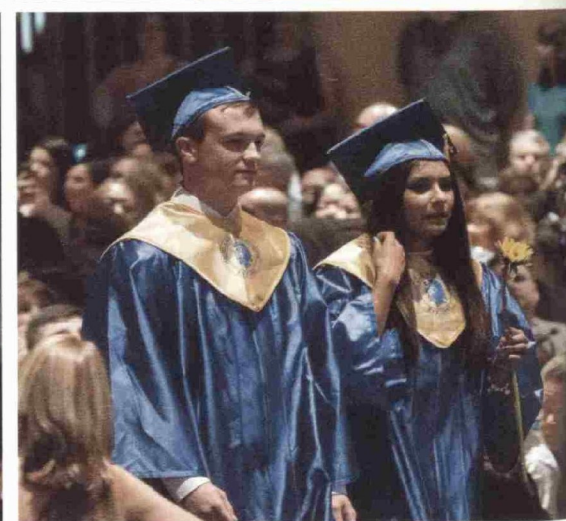
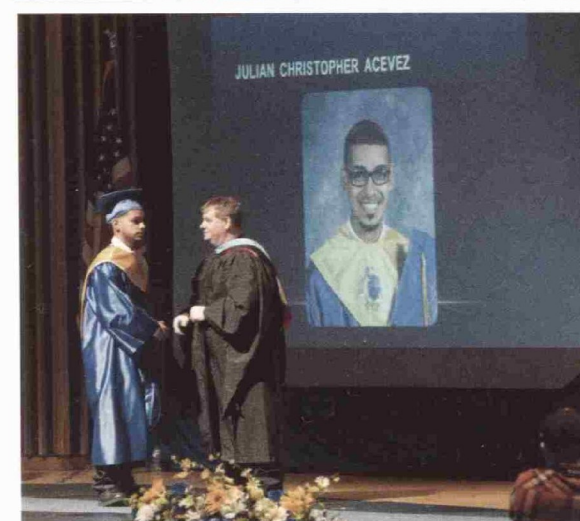


# IN Caps & Gowns

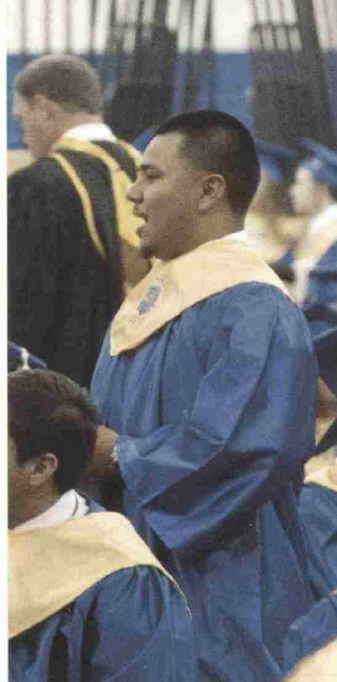
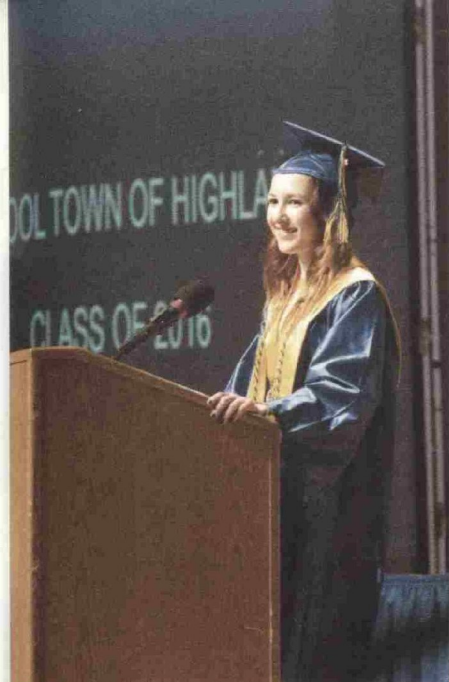
**Greetings** Graduate, Richard Garza (12) is greeted by Superintendent of Schools as he heads on to receive his diploma. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life **Graduating** Donald Grinker (12) made his way across the stage. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life **Smiling** Graduate, Lilliana Avina (12) smiled her way across the stage. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life



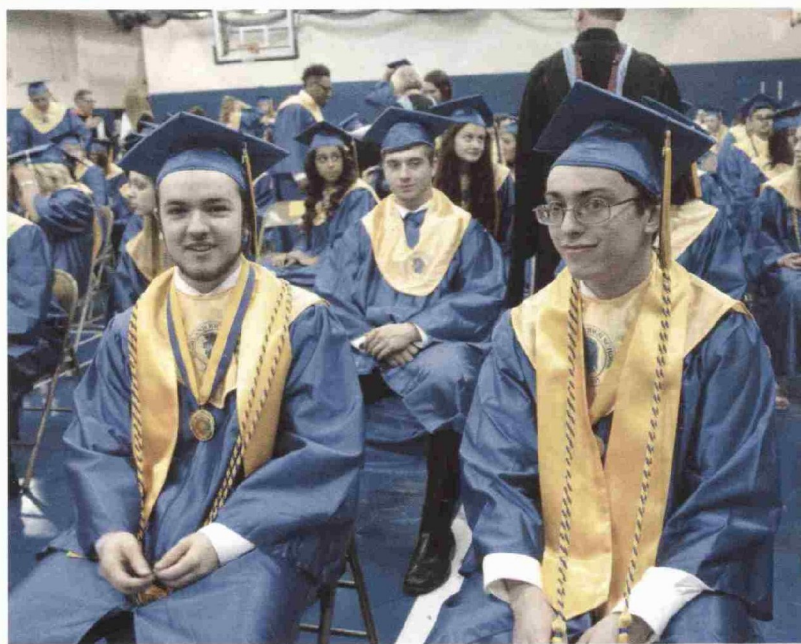
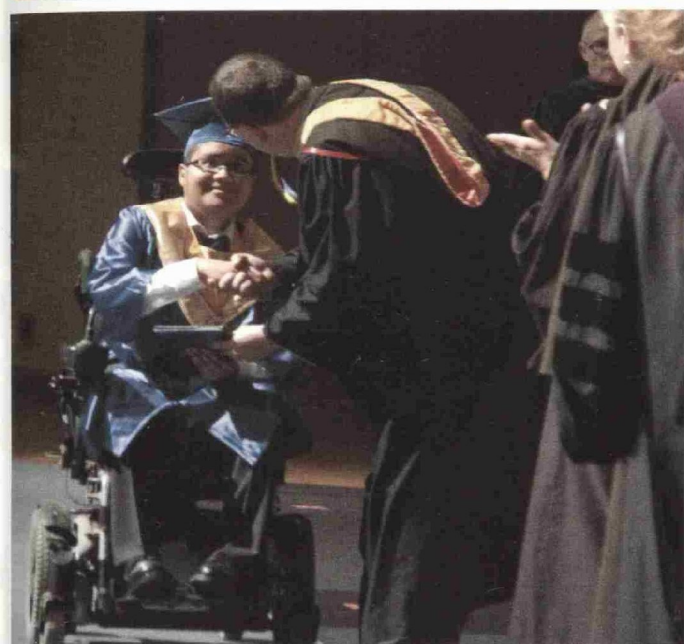
**Entrance** Both Tristan Spiegel (12) and Mikayla Hayes (12) walked into the auditorium with smiles. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life **Accomplishment** Troy Jank (12) valued all of his accomplishments and friendships that he built during his time in Highland. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life **Greetings** Jaylen Walker (12) shook hands as he walked across the stage with school officials. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life





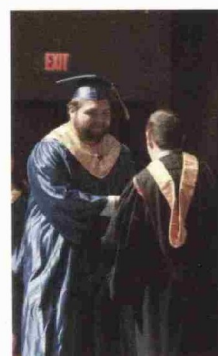
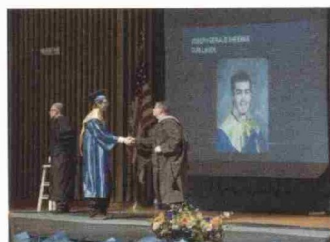
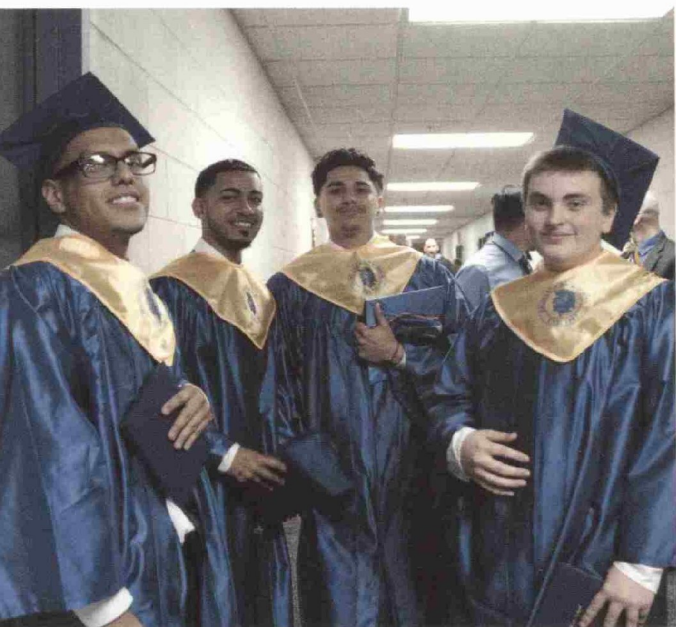


**Speech** Saluditorian, Mia Skertich (12) recognized her mother for her support over the years. Photo Provided by Inter State **Take a Look** Excited to finally be done, Felix Luna (12) looked around to his friends that surrounded him. Photo Provided by Inter State **Future Hoosier** Academic Honors Diploma recipient, Haitham Zitioui (12) was prepared for his college years at Indiana University Bloomington during his high school years. Photo Provided by Inter State **Prepared** Graduates Aaron Kondrat (12) and Alexander Perrin (12) arrived on time for the ceremony. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life



**Ready for the Next Step** While waiting patiently in the blue gym, Dillion Edwards (12) was excited to graduate. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life **Bright Faces** Smiles filled the faces of the graduates. Photo Provided by NWI Indiana Life





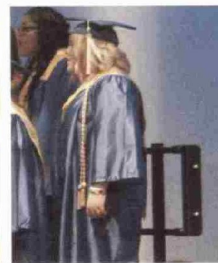
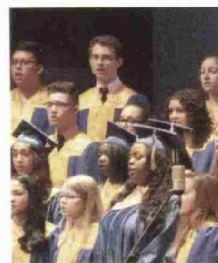
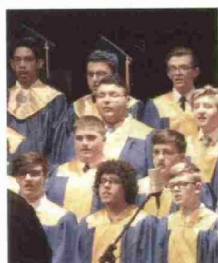
## Pass on the Blazing Torch

In Highland High School Principal's speech to the Class of 2016, Dr. Patrick Weil reminded each member that they bear a torch. As the graduates move forward to their careers or college years Dr. Weil reminded them that, "the hope for tomorrow is to pass on today's blazing torches." As the presentation of the

graduates transpired and the roll was called, family and friends beamed with pride and joy as the last thirteen years of schooling flashed before their eyes. While tears filled the eyes of some parents, others clapped and cheered with excitement. The elation that was felt throughout the auditorium was shared by all.

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# Class of 2016 Graduation

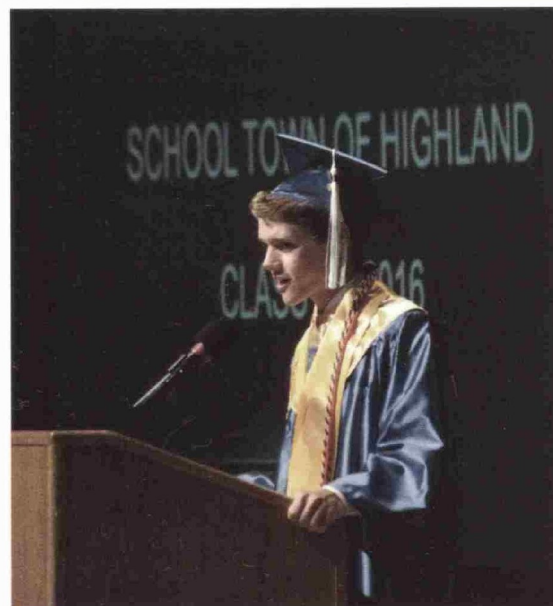
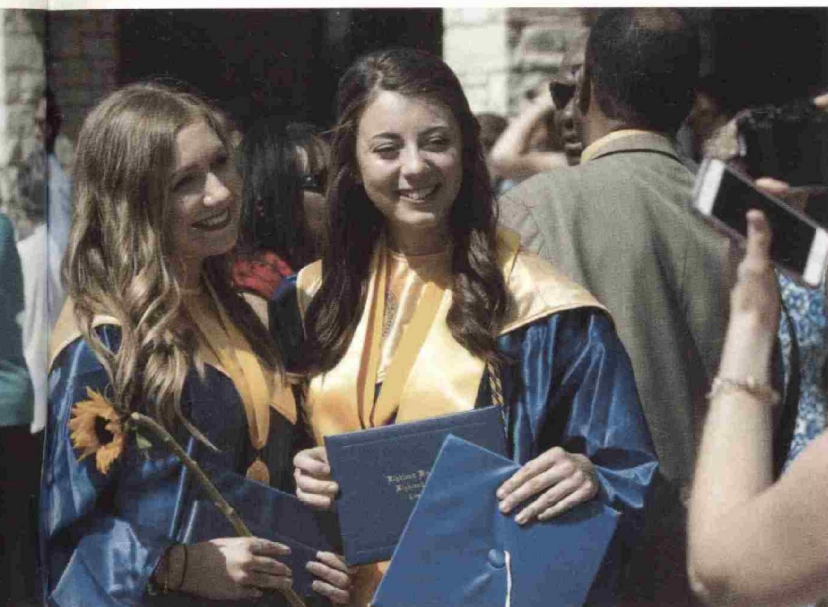
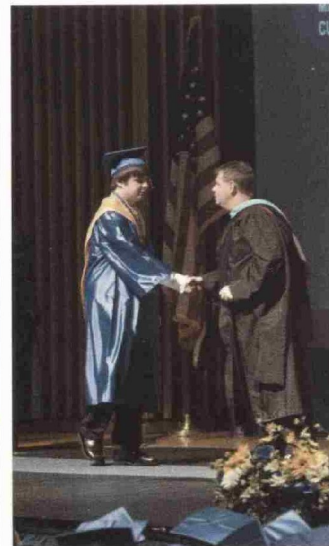
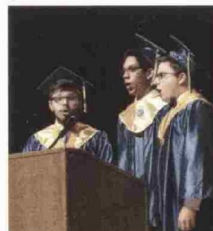






## George Bernard Shaw Wrote...

"Life is not a brief candle for me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible for before handing it to future generations."







**Senior Picture** With a copy of the magazine, All Things Trend, Alexis Hodo (12) took one of her senior pictures. Photo Provided by Alexis Hodo

**Instagram** Saylm Brewer (10) was inspired by Lou Teasdale, a celebrity stylist, to create her own Instagram account to highlight current fashion and makeup trends. Photo Provided by Saylm Brewer

**Performing Duo** Christopher Peters (10) and Hailey Bohlin (12) performed at a charity event held at St. James the Less Catholic Church. Photo Provided by Mrs. Darlene Cotner



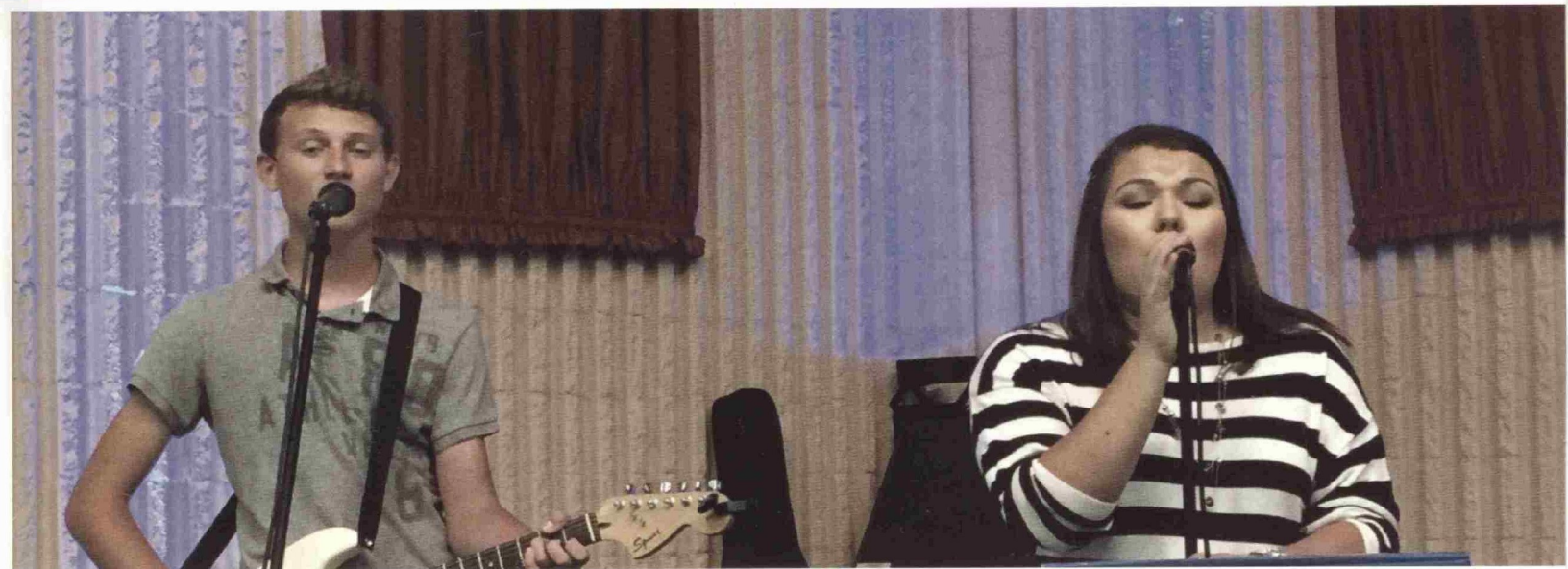
# LivINg Life To The Fullest



## All Things Trend

There is no blanket definition to describe an incredible life. What makes life incredible is made up by each individual. To Alexis Hodo (12) life is incredible. During her sophomore year, Hodo was contacted by a blogger to see if she was interested in joining a small online magazine. With a post secondary goal of working in journalism, she jumped at the opportunity. With a recent promotion to Social Content Manager for the global company, All Things Trend, Hodo researches blogs and watches countless youtube videos in search of individuals that want their story shared. Although there is no pay check, Hodo states, "The experience I'm gaining makes the work I put in worth while." Hodo enjoyed the opportunities she received recently, and that is exactly what made her senior year incredible. Accepting opportunities makes for an incredible ride.

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## Service

Over the years, we have grown up hearing about conflicts and wars through our history lessons and even from friends and family members that lived through them. Whether it was from our grandfather that fought in Korea, or a neighbor that toured in Iraq we have all been immediately affected in some way, shape, or form. In our lifetime, whether as a new born or a toddler, we lived through the attacks of September 11, 2001. Each member of our United States military has shown great pride, respect and courage to defend our great nation. We owe them our respect and gratitude. As the generations pass, new civilians enlist in the various branches to carry on the greatness that American has built. As our classmates step out into this world of unknown, we thank them for their courage and bravery as they head out to defend this land that we love.

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**In the Navy** Jenna Orange (12) enlisted in the United States Navy in hopes to become a Hospital Corpsman. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Physical Fitness** Both Brian Hence (12) and Riley Wyant worked to keep up with their physical fitness before they left for boot camp. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **21 Gun Salute** American Legion Post 180 attended the home football game on September 11, 2015 to take part in the pregame ceremony. Photo Provided by Patrick O'Haver



## Love For Our Country



**Start of Every Day** Taylor Howard (12) and Emily Smith (12) are two individuals that are heard over the public address system reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza

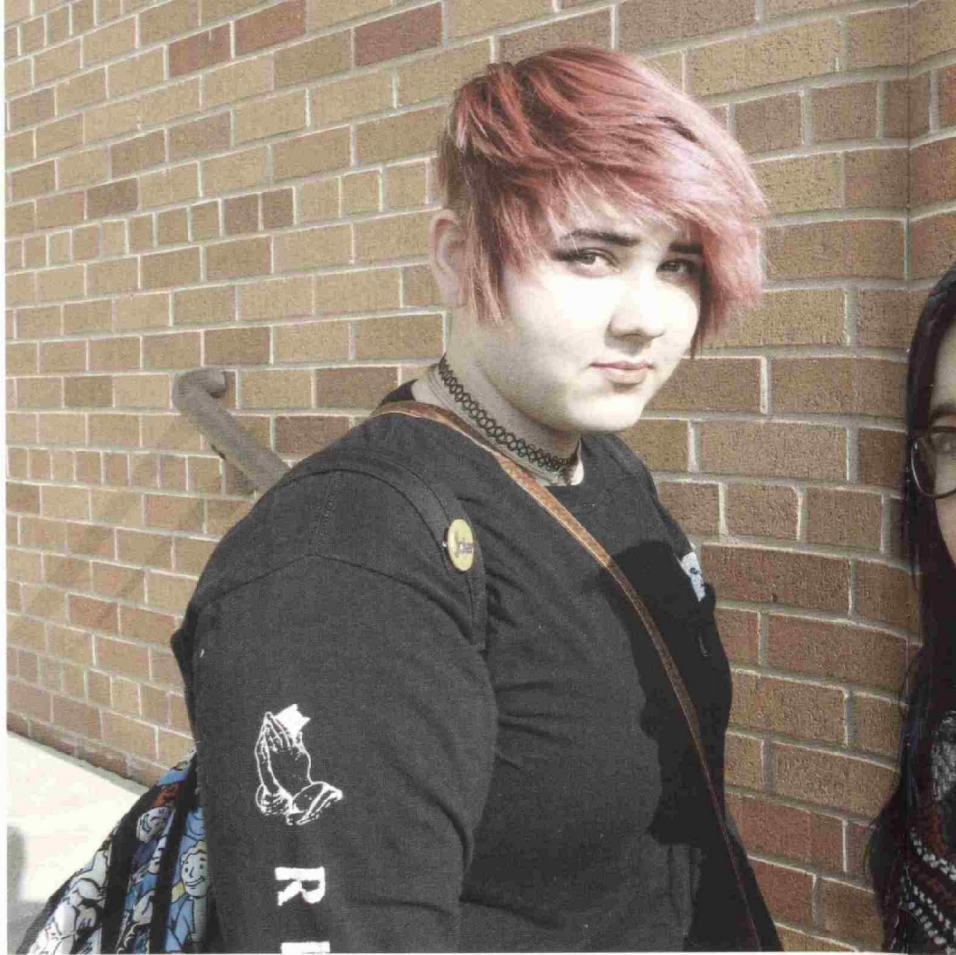


**Right to Vote** Sara Miller (11) placed her vote for the primary election. Photo Provided by Sara Miller **Patriotic** On September 11, 2015 students wore our country's colors to recognize the tragic event that took place fourteen years prior. Photo Provided by: Madeline Revercomb **Please Stand** The National Anthem was played by Ghenella Salanio (11) and the marching band. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Fourth Traditions** Valerie Brunt (9) walked in Highland's Twilight Parade. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

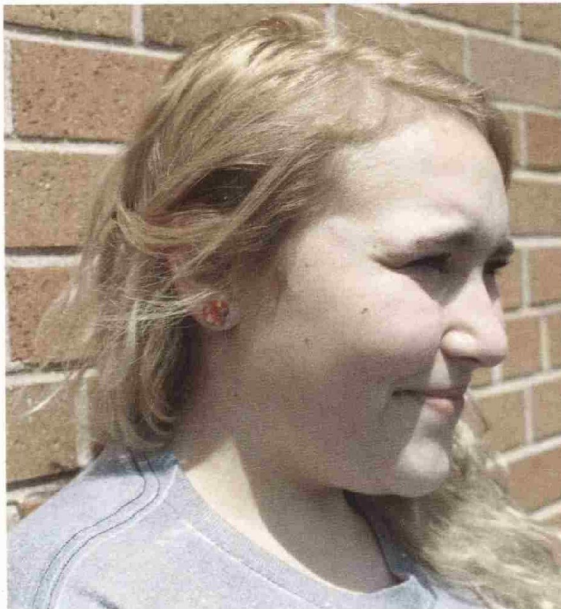


# TransformING to a Hero





**Tattoo of Meaning** Jordan Petty (12) got a tattoo to remind him of his source of strength. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Nose Piercings** Aurora Howard (11) and Brianne Giba (11) acted on the nose piercing trend and got their noses pierced. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

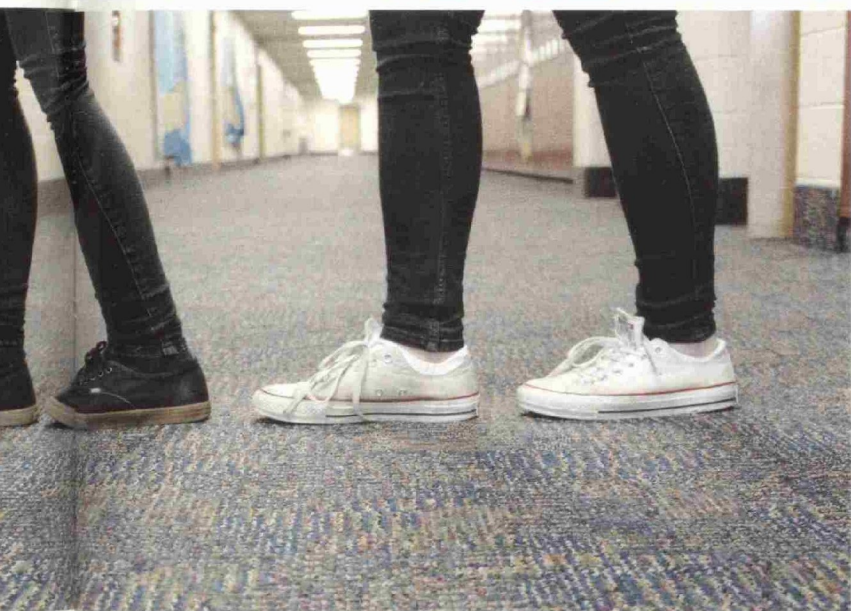
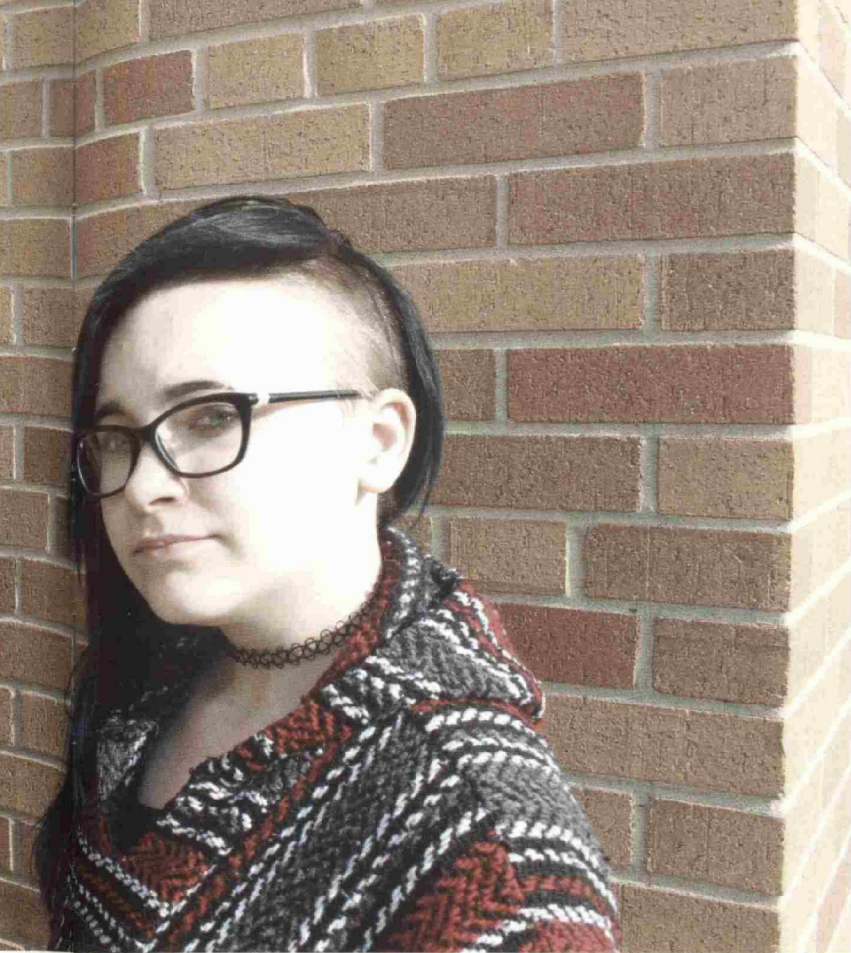


**Pop of Color** Emily Wagner (9) and Haley Topor (9) shaved a portion of their dyed hair to their liking. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Gauges** During her junior year, Kathleen Steele (11) wore size 00 gauges in her ears. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Shoe Crazy** Just like many other students, Jeanine Suboh (11) and Ireie Crouch (10) wore Converse or Vans shoes as a part of their daily outfit. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

# ExpressING Yourself

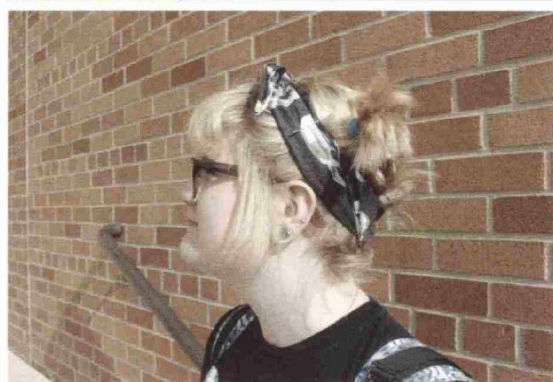
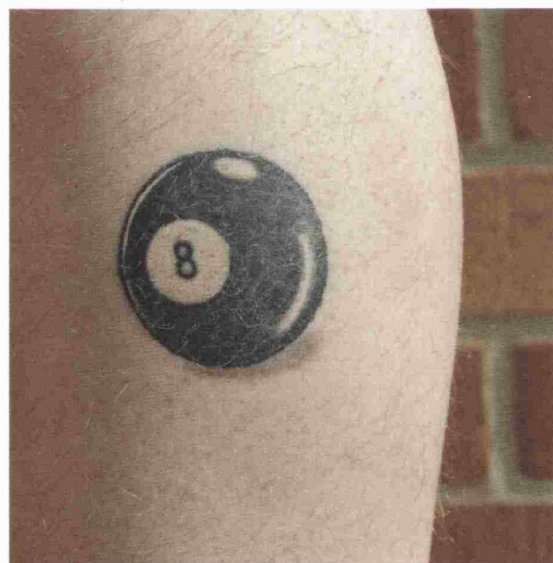
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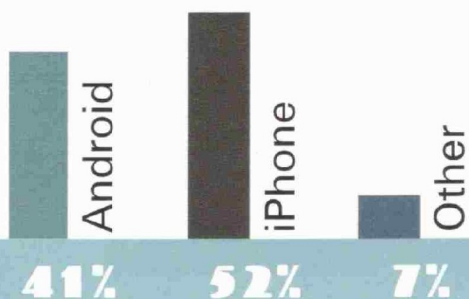


## Tatoos & Piercings

**Eight Ball** Dakota Wallace (12) got a tattoo of an eight ball to honor his father's CB radio handle. Photo Credit; Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Boys With Hats** Logan Riley (11) added a beanie to his wardrobe. Photo Credit; Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Tied Up in Knots** With a bandanna in her hair and gauges in her ears, Shelby Noble (10) desired to be herself this year. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

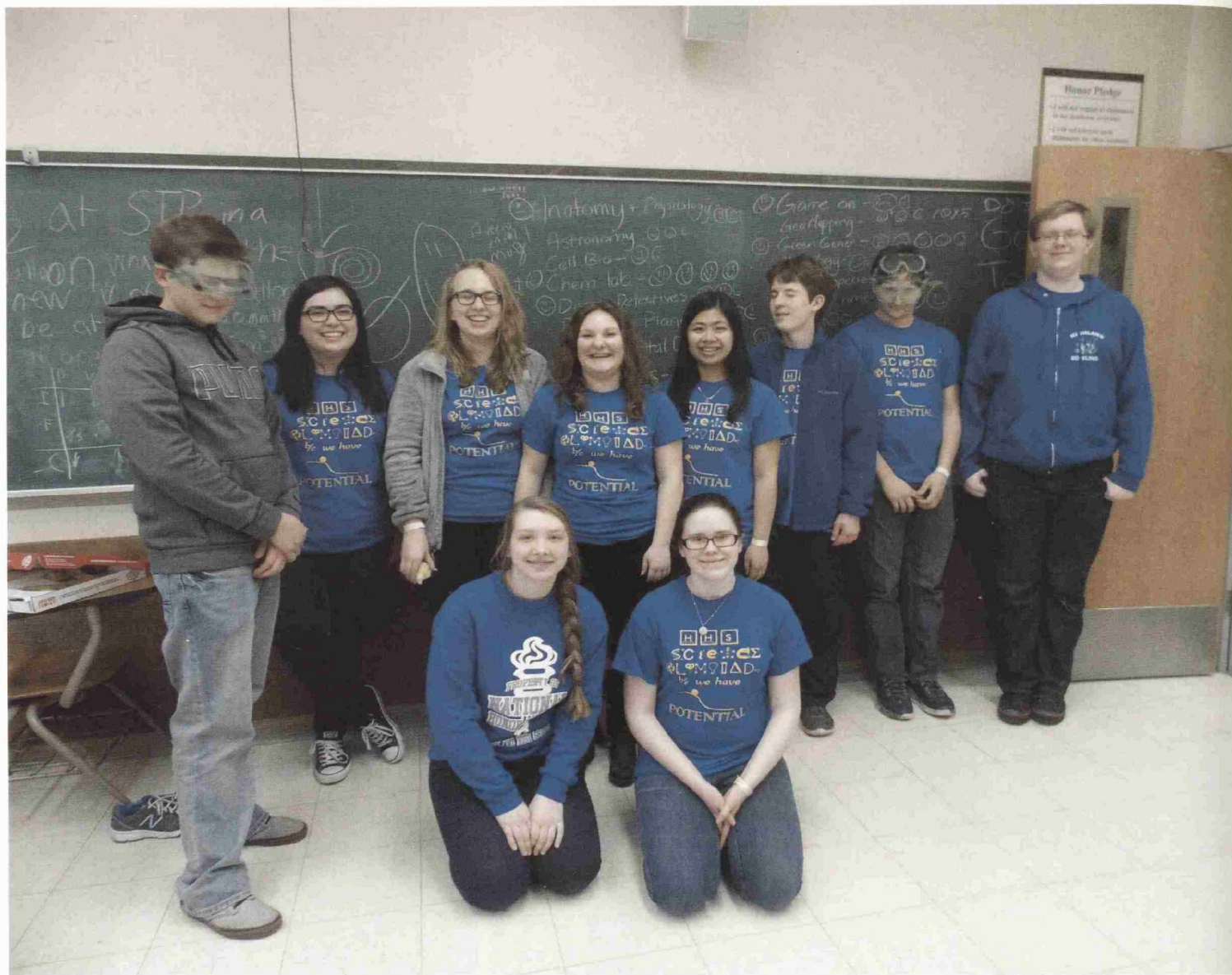


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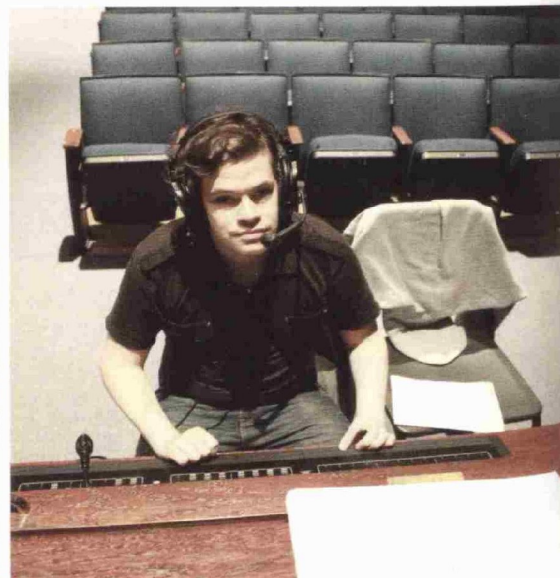
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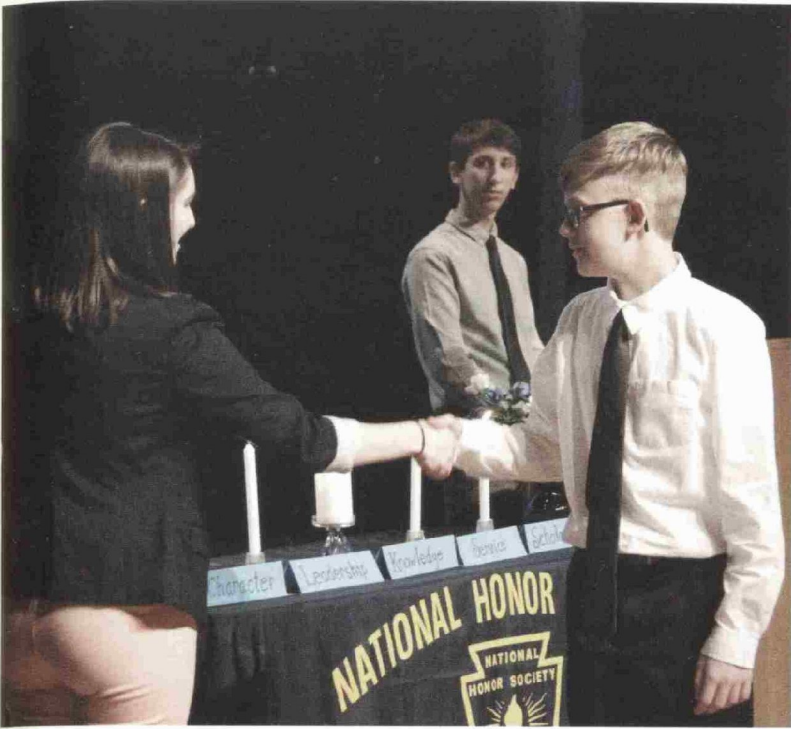
**Competition Day** The Science Olympiad posed for a group shot at their competition. Photo Provided by Lilly Wall

**School Spirit** The Japanese Club walked their winning cart around the gym. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph


**Hidden Talents** During an Advanced Theatre production, David Garcia (12) worked on the technical side of the performance. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza








**Nominated In** Elijah Fessenden (10) accepted his induction to National Honor Society. Photo Provided by Inter State **Food Drive Preparation** National Honor Society members prepare boxes to collect food for the annual food drive. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Deadline Meeting Nights** The yearbook staff completed a deadline work night. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



I feel like I can help students that are in need of prayer, or need someone to talk to in a safe zone by being a part of FEARLESS.

**GLORIA LINKIEWICZ**



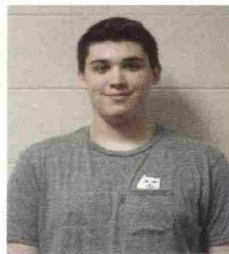
I thought that Girl Up was a good program to help others that are less fortunate.

**HANNAH HENNESSY**



I am involved in numerous student organizations because I enjoy being a part of fun groups.

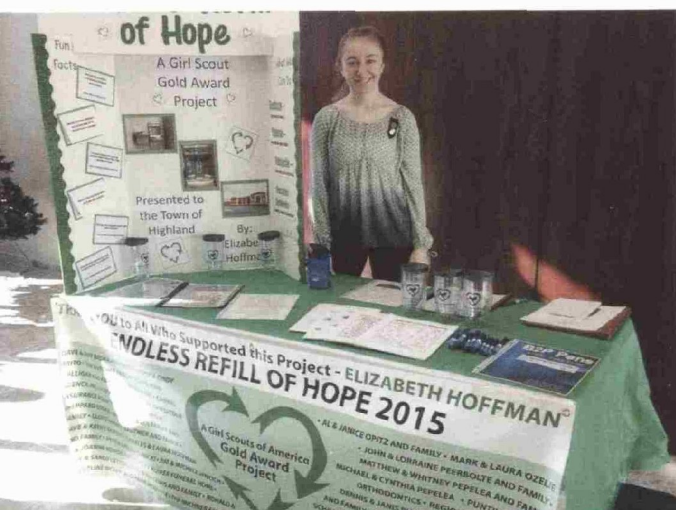
**STEPHANIE SLAGLE**



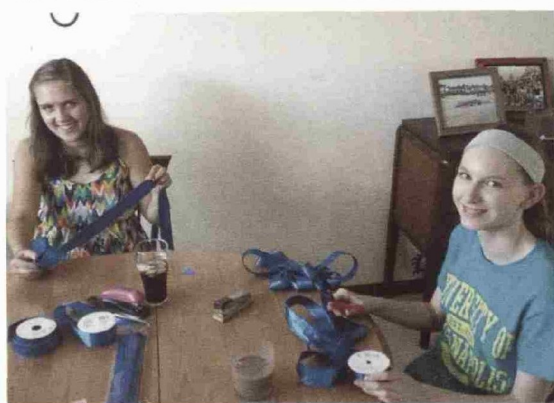
Gaming club is fun because it connected me with people that I didn't know that have the same interests.

**SEBASTIAN WESLEY**





**The Other Side of the Bridge** Tyler Potesta (11) skated across the ice to protect the net for the Munster Mustang hockey team. Photo provided by: Mrs. Linda Potesta **Gold Award** Elizabeth Hoffman (11) stood with her display at the dedication ceremony of the Highland Police Station in December 2015. Photo Provided by Mrs. Linda Potesta



**Community Service** Both Annabelle Rivera (10) and Christina Fiegle (10) tied bows in honor of Officer Shawn Smith to hang with the Girl Scouts. Photo Provided by Mrs. Linda Potesta **Modeling** D'Jesenia Torres (9) walked the runway at a fashion show. Photo Provided by D'Jesenia Torres **Warrior Colors** Nicholas Rycerz (11) played both defense and offense for Bishop Noll. Photo Provided by: Mrs. Becky Rycerz







# INvolvement Elsewhere

## Balancing Act

Several Trojans participate in activities outside of the walls of Highland High School. For example, Tyler Potesta (11) and Hunter Houchin (10) have been playing hockey for many years at Midwest Training and Ice. Potesta has been a Mustang for three years, and plays on the defensive end of the ice; on the other hand, Houchin has been with the Mustangs for two years, and plays on the offensive side. Both boys are Trojans by the day but geared up in red, black and white for the Mustangs at nights. Another Trojan, Nicholas Rycerz (11) transforms to Bishop Noll's navy and yellow when he geared up for the Warriors as a versatile player. Balancing homework and late night practices became a struggle just as it did for other students that accepted additional responsibilities. Staying involved never failed to build character and develop life long skills that can be traits to make them marketable in the future.

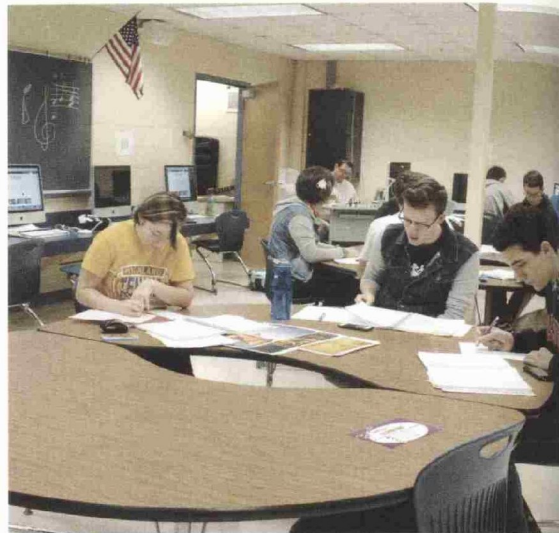
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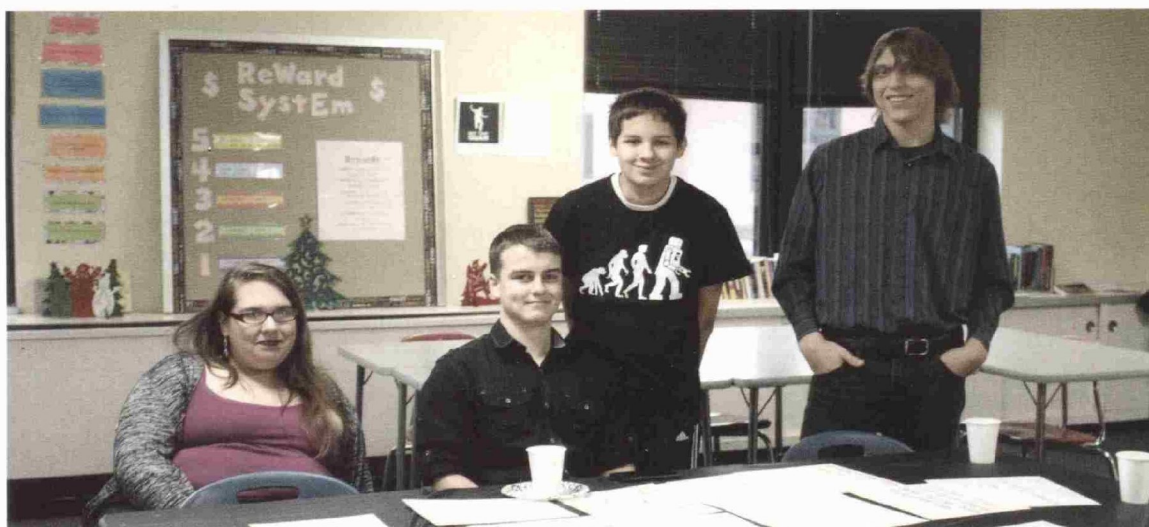
**What Can I Build?** Together, Tristen Reppe (11) and Mark Sharp (9) began to build the frame of their house for Intro to Construction class. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Learning From Music** Zoe Kim (10), Ryan Moskalick (12), and Husam Suboh (10) studied how notation affects the voice when singing. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno



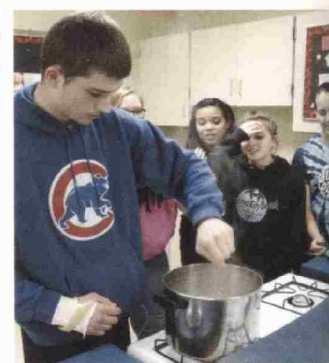
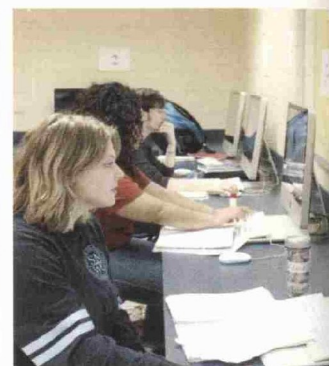
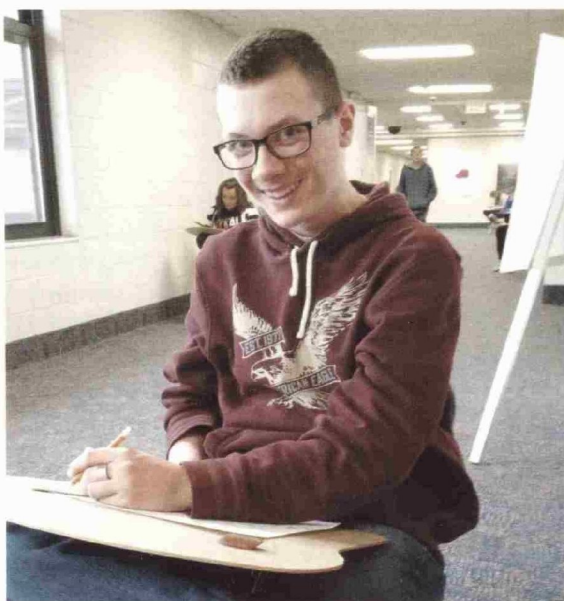
# INtelligent Minds

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**Group Discussion** Post-secondary plans were a topic of discussion and part of preparation for graduation for Cierra Nelson (12), Zachary Stout (11), Xavier McDermott (10) and Devin Denisiuk (11). Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Art In The Hall** Robert Patterson (9) drew his view of the hallway in 2D Art for a grade. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Preparing for a Music Major** Catherine Larson (12) valued the education in Music Theory as it helped prepare her for her major in music therapy at St. Mary of the Woods. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno

**Cooking in Class** Nicholas Anderson (10) cooked with his classmates during class. Photo Credit:





**Chemistry** Kory Wyant (9) worked on the nitration silver nitrate lab. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley

**Vehicle** Ricardo Ruiz (10) and Colt Cash (9) built a vehicle in Intro to Transportation class. Photo Credit: Mia Kinley

**Top Notch** With her piece, Bird of a Feather, Grace Miedema (11) prepared to send her work off to the Indiana University Northwest Biennial High School Art Show, Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



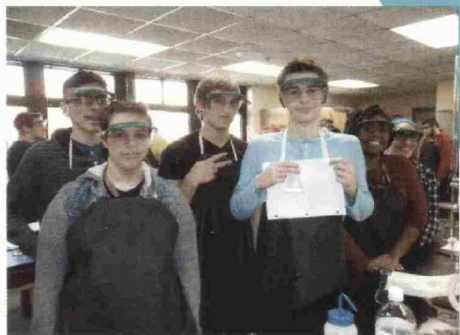




# LearnINg Process



**Geometry Activity** Nicholas Guerrero (10) calculated the length of a hypotenuse during a lab. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Presentations** Christina Fiegle (10) explained her research to her classmates in a rotating presentation for her english class. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno

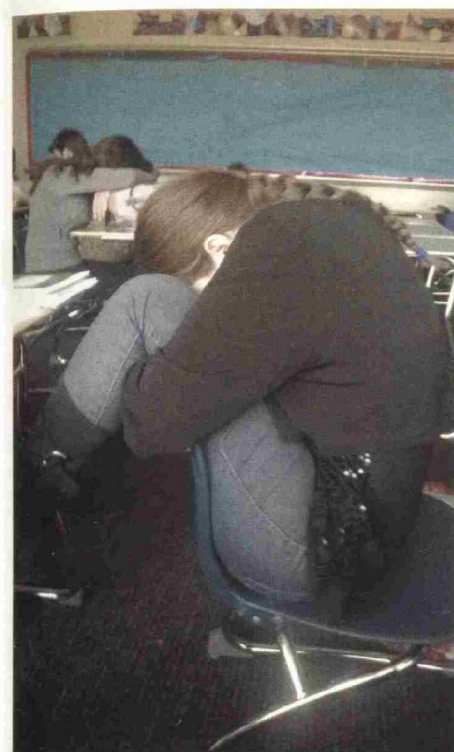
**Titration Lab** The chemistry class completed a lab. Photo Provided by Mrs. Margaret Jensen

**Foreign Language** Students listened to the instructions given by Mrs. Beatrice Kozlowski. Photo Credit: Samantha Bugno

**Effort** Maya Dziepak (10) and Luke Wasowicz (10) created an organizational sheet Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph







**Comfortable** Margaret Hanvey (9) took an opportunity to sleep for a few minutes of study hall.

Photo Credit: Jazmine Armstrong

**Pacer Test** Lee Smith (9) kept a solid stride to get through the pacer test in physical education class.

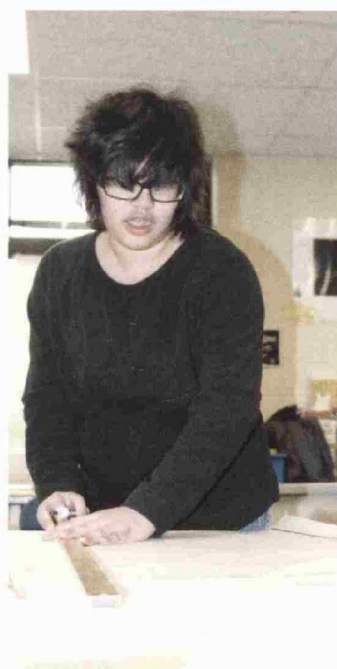
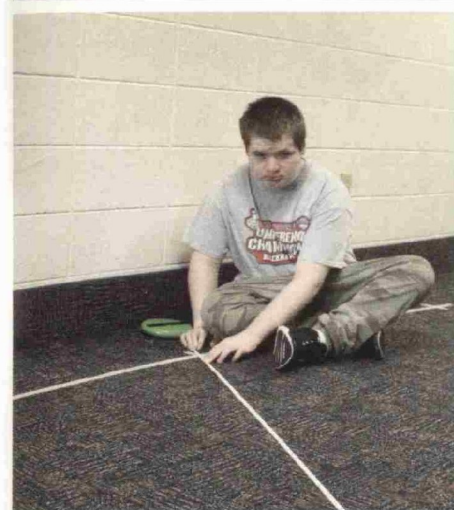
Photo Credit: Mia Kinley

**Trig River** After some calculation, Joshua Hartman (10) found the measurement of his diagram.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Organization** Camille Dausch (10) created a organizational chart to make a visual for her Algebra 2 class.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

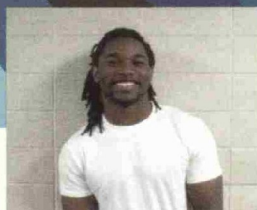


## WHAT CLASS HAS HELPED YOU THE MOST?



The class that prepared me the most was english with Mrs. Lubarski. She has helped me through my first two years of high school and knows how to prepare me for my future.

**SARAH ELROD**



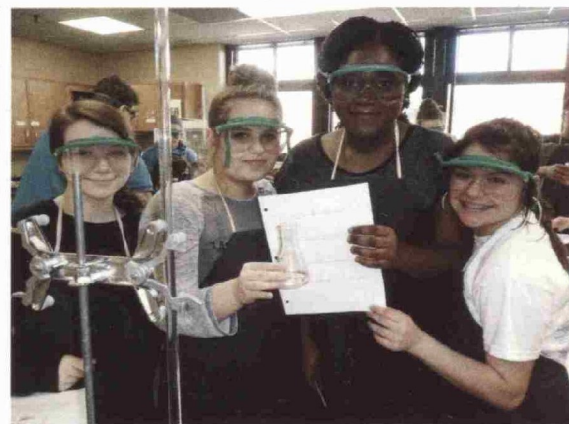
Anatomy was the class that has helped me be prepared for the real world because my career goal is to become a paramedic.

**DAVID LACOUR**



The class that helped me most in high school was Mrs. Ludwig's Algebra 2 class. It helped to prepare me for the future classes I would be taking.

**MIRANDA MENZYK**

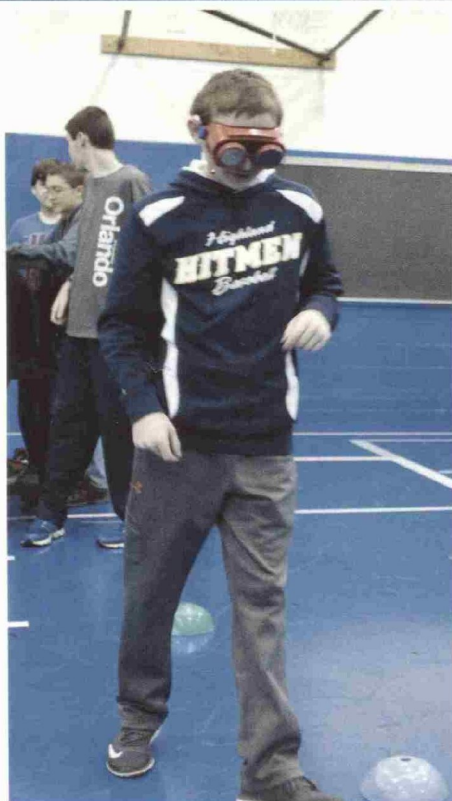
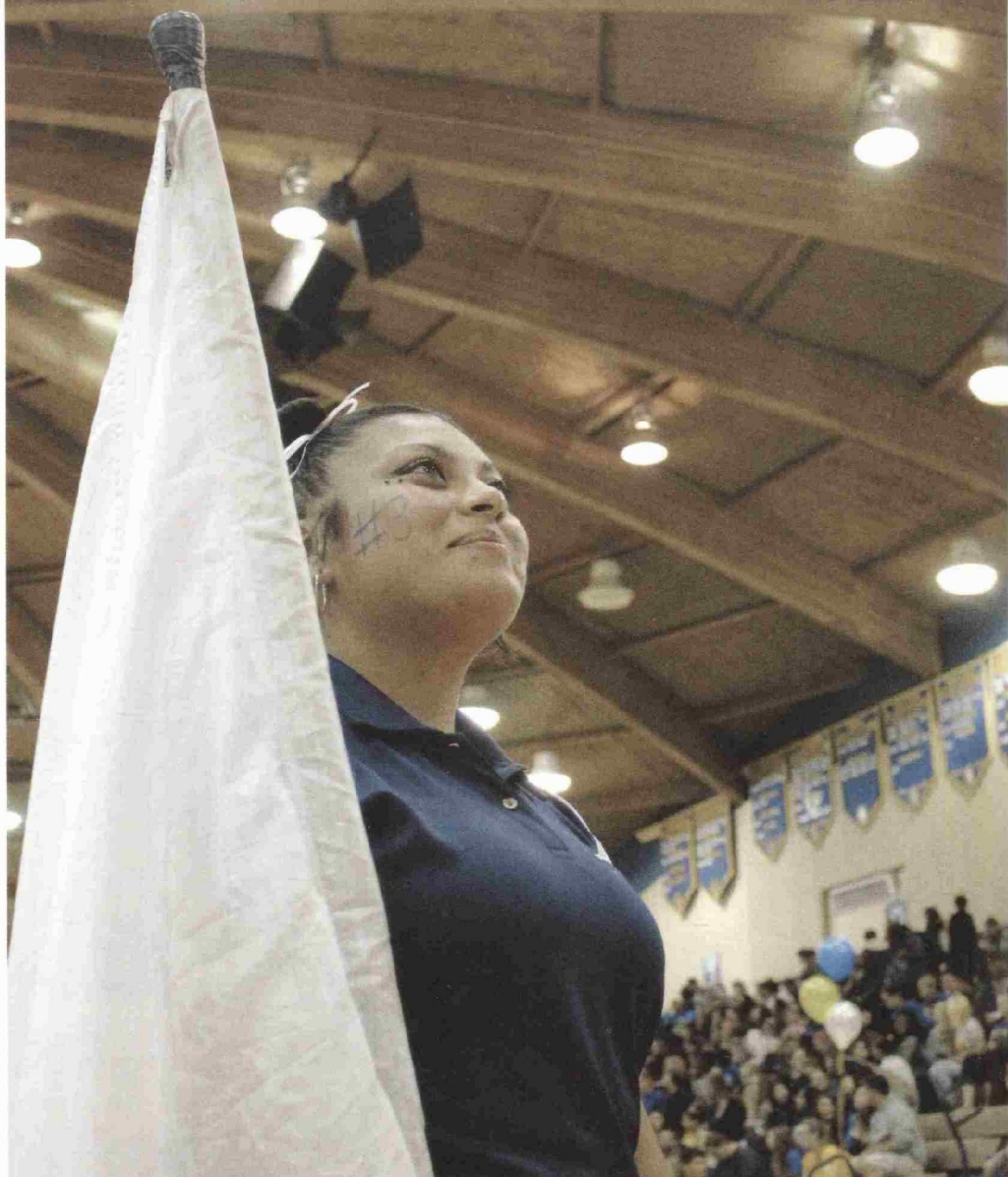
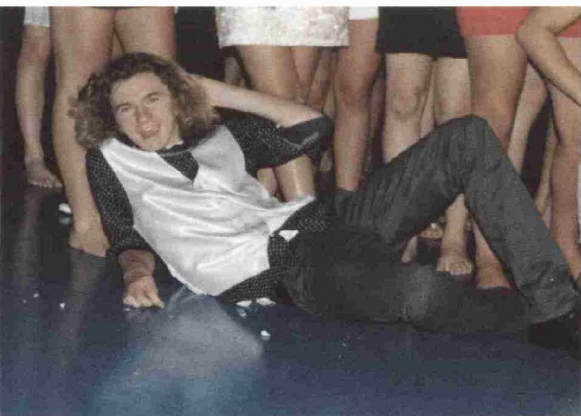


**Advanced Theatre Production** Jade Watts (10), Nyssa Slavena (12) and Emily Michalak (9) perform The Odd Couple (The female version) as a class production.

Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Seeing Change** The chemistry students witnessed how temperature changed the outcome of their project. Photo Provided by Mrs. Margaret Jensen



**School Spirit** Celena Alvarez (11) beamed with school spirit at the fall pep rally with her color guard flags. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**In Style** Eric Wood (11) watched the homecoming court get announced from the floor of the blue gym. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



**Can You See?** Justin Stewart (9) navigated his way around the cones while wearing alcohol impairment stimulation goggles. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph  
**Scrubs** Fans wore medical outfits for one of the many theme nights at the football game against Griffith High School. Photo Credit: Hollie Skinner





# TAKE IT ALL IN

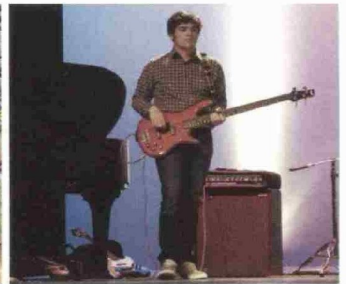
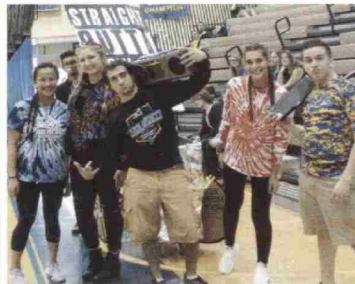
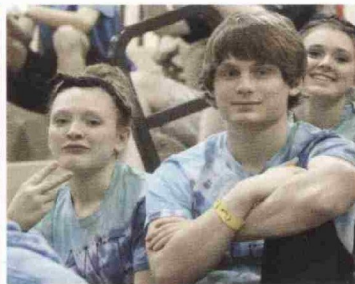
## IT DOESN'T STOP HERE BY CAITLIN LISKEY

You start off your first day of kindergarten, a bit overwhelmed by your new surroundings. You spot your future friends and classmates scattered about, playing with the ragged old dolls in the corner, or perhaps building towers with the brightly painted blocks on the rug in the center of the room. Everything is a new experience, from the cluttered sounds ringing in your ears to the pandemonium in front of your eyes; even the unfamiliar scents that fill your nose create a sense of wonder. It either leaves you in dread or absolute joy to say farewell to your guardian, but once you do, you take that beginning step forward, ready to begin your life in education.

The next few years roll around, and you've finally developed a pattern to your day; wake up, go to school, leave for home, then the rest of the evening is yours. Life is fairly good, and the biggest concerns you hold are, "How long until recess?" or "Where is the next field trip going to be?" While your mind is focused on the trivial aspects of your

education, it's the small tidbits given to you from your teachers that will leave a stronger impact in the future. You don't know it yet, but these first few years are just the awakening of your potential. Once again, you will find yourself in an entirely foreign environment, the halls and classrooms much further apart than what you've previously known. It's time for you to take longer strides as you propel yourself forward with new relationships and an enhanced education. These preteen years are what a large number of people will look back on as the most terrifyingly awkward years of their life, and you are no exception. You go through phases that you'll despise in the future, and that a box of your currently new obsessions will hold no sentimental value when you later scrounge around under your bed, sorting which pieces of junk you want to keep and which you want to dispose of. However, with these months of hardships and confusion comes a development of growth that ultimately shapes you into what you are at this very

moment in time. Today is the day you graduate. Your eyes glisten with the tears of relief and joy, as well as heartache from all of the friends you leave behind. The past four years of your life were valiant struggles, proving your worth as you fought tooth and nail against tests, homework and finals, all while keeping your life outside of school unscathed. You tactfully balanced arduous work, complicated relationships, and late night study sessions. Now, you've got nothing ahead of you but the future. This is the time where you look back at everything that has led to this day; every minute you spent in anguish; every hour you spent in delight; every late night you spent exasperated over the next day's essay. Every single second you've spent these past years of your life has guided you into what you've become, and the only thing left to do is to take that final step forward in your life. Take a look at what you've become, take it all in, and use it to shape your future into what you want it to be.



**Hungry Hippos** Emma LaBounty (12) lined up to start her hunt for the balloons in the first ever competition at the fall pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Tye Dye Uniforms** Riley Cruse (10), Michael Leneave (10) and Faith Zimmerman (10) watched the remainder of the dodgeball tournament after being eliminated. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza **Straight Outta Highland** Seniors escorted their cart through their final pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Amped Up** Sam Pizzuto (11) played along with his friends in a band at the spring talent show. Photo Provided by Inter State **Technical Staff** Jack Lebeter (10) and Hubble Salgado (10) worked the soundboard for many events held in the auditorium including HTC productions. Photo Credit: DJ Mendoza



# WorkINg Hard For You

## YERDS

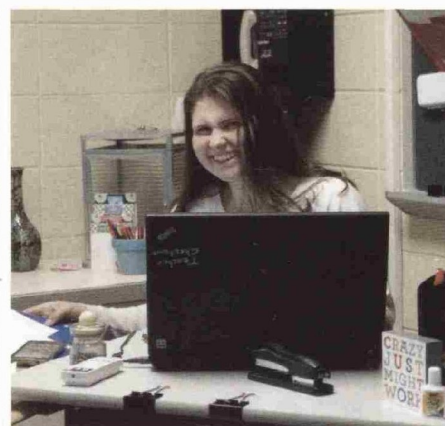
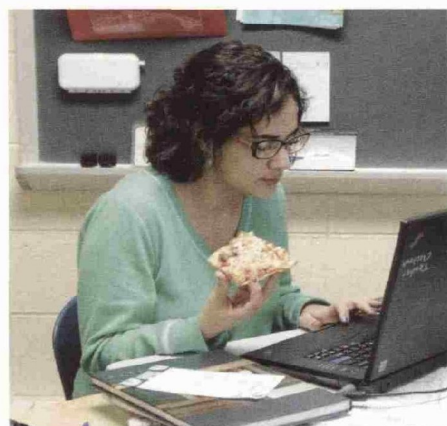
Only a handful of students know exactly what lies behind the door of room 328, but those that entered spent the 2015-16 school year documenting the events into Shield. Creating memories for our fellow classmates was a difficult task with varying personalities, but strengths of the individuals shined when it came to deadlines. Some staffers took photographs, while others identified students in quality shots; however, the job didn't stop there. While the late nights for the numerous deadlines brought pizza and laughter, it wasn't just pizza parties.

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**Phone Interview** Stephanie Sprague (12) communicated with Highland High School students through her phone. Photo Credit: Zainab Suboh **Surfin' With Yearbook** Ready for the beach, a few staff members represented the yearbook in the spring pep rally. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph

**Deadline Night Dinner** With pizza in hand, Zainab Suboh (11) completed tasks to help meet deadlines. Photo Credit: Stephanie Sprague **Laughter** Yearbook meetings brought laughter to staff members such as Samantha Colbert (9). Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **Move In Photographer** When a move from Michigan brought Hollie Skinner (12) to Highland, she fell into her element when she began taking photos for Shield. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph



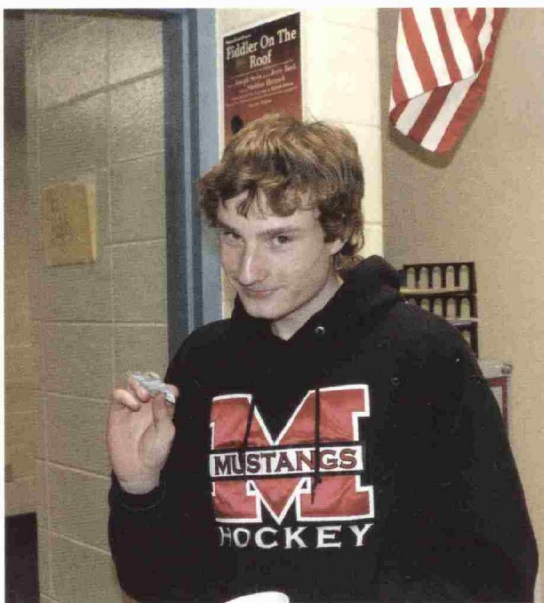




**Herff Jones Training** The yearbook club took an educational field trip to IUPUI for a training with Herff Jones. Photo Credit: Mr. Sherri Ralph **Editing** Faith DuVall (11) worked hard to reach the deadline goal. Photo Credit: Mrs Sherri Ralph



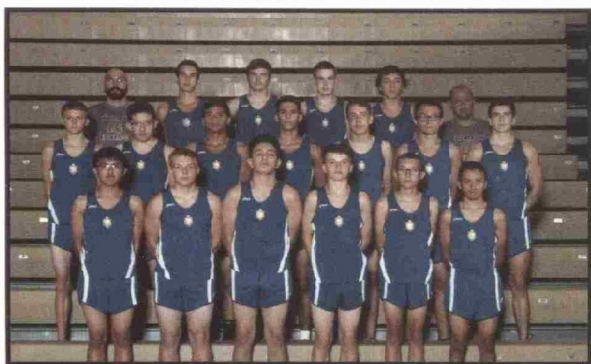
**Working Together** John O'Connor (9), Jazmine Armstrong (10) and DJ Mendoza (9) work on developing stories for the first deadline. Photo Credit: Mrs. Sherri Ralph **On A Dare** Tyler Potesta (11) ate a pack of hot sauce during a late work night dinner. Photo Credit: Samantha Colbert



48 pages by 3/11/16  
50 pages by 4/8/16  
58 pages by 5/6/16  
20 pages by 6/10/16  
Meeting Deadlines-Priceless



## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



Head Coach: Robert Lukowski

**Row 1:** Eric Alegre, Logan Andreatta, Angel Tirado, Graem Stickann, Vincent Bovino, Cristian Chavez **Row 2:** Tristen Comer, Joseph Silva, Edward Pedroza, Austin Guerra, Ryan Fiegle, Sasa Zdrnja, Michael Kristy **Row 3:** Coach Robert Lukowski, DJ Mendoza, Cristian Zendejas, Taylor Lloyd, Matthew Roach, Estevan Ramirez, Coach Michael Stickann



"I remember waking up at 4AM on team bonding night to Taylor Lloyd (12) trying to cut my hair off with clippers."

**Estevan Ramirez (10)**

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



Head Coach: Sherri Ralph

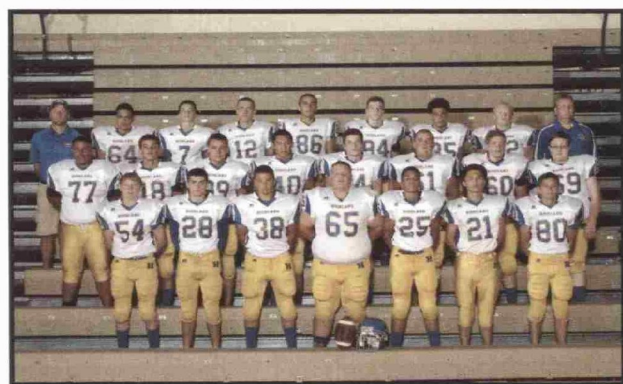
**Row 1:** Ciera Lee, Skylar Guffey, Madelyn Smigla, Gloria Linkiewicz, Annabelle Rivera, Lauren Urevig, Lauren Toth, Bailey Whitehead **Row 2:** Wendolin Mata, Victoria Sanchez, Morgan Vaclavik, Christine Anderson, Casey Olah, Danielle Hernandez, Marianna Baca **Row 3:** Reilly Panozzo, Kimberly Betustak, Moriah McCormick, Cecilia Arceo, Chloe Rivera, Kristen Toth, Alexandria Hernandez, Coach Sherri Ralph



"My best memory of cross country was tp night because I got really close to some of the girls and this was the best cross country season hands down."

**Alexandria Hernandez (12)**

## FRESHMEN FOOTBALL



Head Coach: Craig Roggenbuck

**Row 1:** Brandon Phillips, Jonathan Garcia, Kaiden Smolar, Nicholas Krieger, Anthony Caraballo, Nicolas Hernandez, Christopher Houk **Row 2:** Nehemiah Bradley, Richard Benda, Mark Alvarado, Rafael Rios, Thomas Crowel, Zachary Volom, Beau Janes, Hunter Lawbaugh **Row 3:** Coach David Bedka, Muhammad Subh, Dean Foundos, Trent Slaven, Anthony Wilson, William Morinville, Fareed Subuh, Steven Niemann, Coach Craig Roggenbuck



"My favorite memory was beating Munster 28-0 at their home turf."

**Rafael Rios (9)**

## GIRLS GOLF



Head Coach: Dan Richardson

**Row 1:** Kylie Richardson, Karli Byrd, Brooke Rycerz, Jenna Gericke, Emily Smith, Avaleigh Mazur, Carlyn Stone, Coach Richardson



"When playing a match you are typically on the course by yourself, so being able to be with the team and talk with them during practice and bus rides was enjoyable."

**Avaleigh Mazur (9)**



# VARSITY FOOTBALL



Head Coach: Trent Grider

**Row 1:** Austin Andreatta, Zakery Pizer, Kristoria Cannon (mgr.), Sarah Munsie (mgr.) **Row 2:** Tony Boone, Michael LeNeave, Nathan Riffle, Elias Covarrubias, Logan Theisen, Joseph Salazar, Aaron Maldonado, Shawn Rogers, Anfernee Perez-Aquino, Julius Davila. **Row 3:** Jun Penaflorida, Daniel Drake, Charles Gerstner, Kyle Foster, Jeffrey Pena, Ethan Morgan, Ethan Fitt, Scott Stange, Jacob Korch. **Row 4:** Tyler Woods, Casey Cox, Mervyn Dela Cruz, Andrew Sharp, Casey Austin, Kyle Brown, Nathan Whiting, Jamaine Callion, Justin Davis. **Row 5:** Islam Hamad, Hunter Reilly, Hunter Rycerz, Collin Reilly, Jacob Munsie, Ethan Bartlett, Jason O'Donnell, Andrew Carstensen, Casey Gessler. **Row 6:** Corey Kijurna, Griffin Grider, Douglas Hillegonds, Douglas Brandon, Nicholas Rycerz, Evan Hillier, Andrew Kinley, Caydon Hillegonds. **Row 7:** Luke Podgorny, Jarrod Thiele, Timothy Stewart, Curtis Gibson, Alec Foundos, Dylan Whitehead, Gannon Grider, Steven McCarty, Nicholas Anderson. **Row 8:** Patrick Ohaver (Trainer), Coach Charles Podgorny, Coach Malachai Mischler, Coach Trent Grider, Coach Tom Brankin, Coach Tom Crowel (Volunteer), Coach Rik Richards, Coach Corey Bailey

"My favorite memory was beating Andean for the first time in 15 years."

**Dylan Whitehead (12)**



# BOYS SOCCER



Head Coach: Pere Dorsuleski

**Row 1:** Ryan McKnight, Donald Toweson, Avery Reinhart, Julian Fontanez, Kyler Tanis, Rafael Garcia **Row 2:** Evan Hess, Danny Vargas, Brandon Burbridge, Michael Johnson, Eric Wood, Darnell Harwood, Nicholas Tuel **Row 3:** Maycen Raycroft (mgr.), Coach Mark Tanis, Eric Davalos, Maximilian Tank, Evan Hillier, William Polen, Mitchell Moynihan, Coach Dorsuleski

"Soccer means everything to me and this year I met someone that made it even more special to and it's Max Tank. My favorite thing about soccer this year was being able to play every game with him and to have one of the best records in Highland High School Soccer."

**Danny Vargas (11)**



# JV BOYS SOCCER



Head Coach: Mark Tanis

**Row 1:** Maycen Raycroft (mgr.), Nathaniel Taillon, Tyler Urbanczyk, Joshua Krull, Brian Burbridge, Elias Ortega, Jack Mulligan. **Row 2:** Meet Patel, Evan Hess, Anthony Magallon, Avery Reinhart, Ryan McKnight, Joshua Mulligan. **Row 3:** Coach Mark Tanis, Bryce Fulkerson, James Jamroz, Dean Smith, Nicholas Witham, Anthony Mako, Coach Pere Dorsuleski

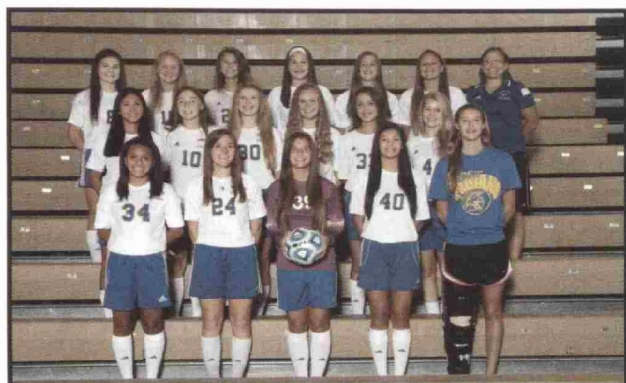
"The amount of work that was put in allowed us to sustain such a high win loss ratio."

**Joshua Krull (9)**





## JV GIRLS SOCCER



Head Coach: Courtney Condes

**Row 1:** Giavonna Venturella, Jordan Rhoten, Morgan Salazar, Brittney Nichols, Morgan Rinkema (mgr.). **Row 2:** Marley Salinas, Jenna Turpin, Katherine Krick, Kennedy Vernengo, Jacqueline Frye, Veronica Johnson **Row 3:** Megan Michalak, Kayla Polen, Lauren Foote, Lindsey Wilson, Sarah Manning, Jamie Gessler, Coach Courtney Condes



"Beating Lake Central 3-0 was a great moment of the season."

**Kayla Polen (9)**

## GIRLS SOCCER



Head Coach: Gordon Walker

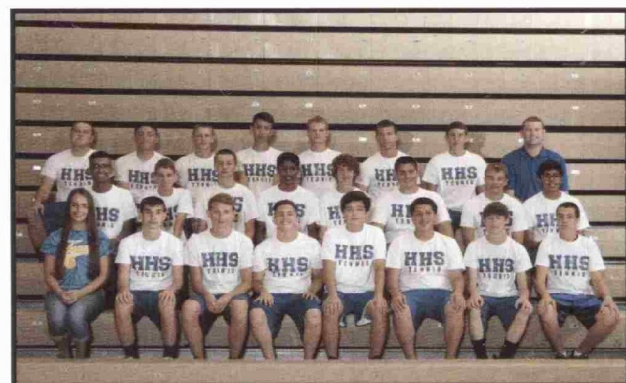
**Row 1:** Hope Binner, Meaghan Hillier, Rachel Russell, Sarah Wagner, Megan McCarty, Jennifer Sheehan, Rose Mikhail, Julia Minton. **Row 2:** Mackenzie Pickens, Morgan Pickens, Adriana Castillo, Madeline Revercomb, Allison Brown, Nicole Russell, Berenice Iniguez. **Row 3:** Coach Courtney Condes, Kathleen Doolittle, Dakotah Olah, Sierra Hinkel, Emma Labounty, Katherine Kerber, Sophie Whiting, Coach Gordon Walker



"My favorite memory was our first shut out against Lowell. We won 1-0 and the game was really intense."

**Allison Brown (11)**

## BOYS TENNIS



Head Coach: Jordan Heckard

**Row 1:** Keyanna Liptak (mgr.), Harrison Bronisz, Christopher Peters, Fernando Gutierrez, Frederick Kepler, Alexander Lopez, James Ireton (mgr.), Christopher Koutz, **Row 2:** Christian Vazquez, Jordan Fiegle, Kolin Palmer, Meet Patel, Tyler Tanis, Jordan Siska, Kyle Palmer, Ishaan Patel. **Row 3:** Nicholas Donsbach, Nikolas Swetz, Matthew Cotner, Anthony Kowalkowski, Zachary Vassar, Tyler Betustak, Mason Gluth, Coach Jordan Heckard



"I remember trying to hit as many tennis balls out of the court as possible."

**Kyle Palmer 12)**

## C-TEAM VOLLEYBALL



Head Coach: Sarah Funston

**Row 1:** Monique Hubbird, Haley Blaundin, Aleena Morris **Row 2:** Brandi Stevenson, Erica Felix, Emily Lewandowski, Riley Cruse **Row 3:** Coach Abigail Brokop, Destiny Rodriguez, Coach Megan Egert



"I learned to never give up, no matter how hard you have to try."

**Emily Lewandowski (12)**



**Row 1:** Dailigh Romano, Mackenzie Lewis, Marie Tirado, Courtney Morton  
**Row 2:** Katelyn Bedka, Jessica Klacik, Summer Baxter, Jillian Hunt, Kodi Heston  
**Row 3:** Coach Abigail Brokop, Kaitlyn Moore, Delia Curtis, Coach Megan Egert

"I always wondered why I always dedicate so much of my life to volleyball and then I step onto the court and it all makes sense."

**Kaitlyn Moore (10)**



Head Coach: Abigail Brokop

**Row 1:** Mackenzie Lewis, Hannah Starceovich, Danielle Sorrell, Danielle Fowler, Elizabeth Hoffman  
**Row 2:** Taylor Steele, Paige Stange, Jillian Hunt, Taylor Ryckman  
**Row 3:** Coach Abigail Brokop, Brittany Raab, Jenna Orange, Kassidy Morinville, Coach Megan Egert

"Seeing the improvement in skills and attitudes from the beginning to the end of the season made us a completely different team."

**Elizabeth Hoffman (11)**

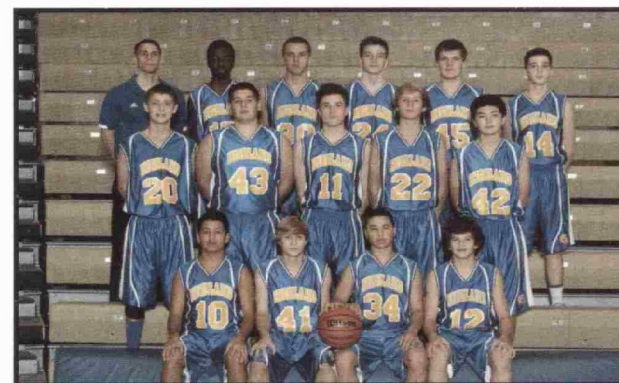


Head Coach: Megan Egert

**Row 1:** Mark Deleon, Nolan Rhyne, Kaiden Smolar, Zachary Benninghoff  
**Row 2:** Armando Salinas, Jordan Siska, Thomas Crowel, Gavin Holder, Frederick Kepler  
**Row 3:** Coach Anthony Belli, Myles Simmons, Trent Slaven, William Morinville, Dean Smith, Dean Foundos

"Listening to music and joking on the bus rides with all of my teammates were the most memorable moments of the season."

**Thomas Crowel (9)**



Head Coach: Anthony Belli

**Row 1:** Arick Casiano, Steven Fowler, Raul Maldonado, Samuel Carpenter,  
**Row 2:** Coach Tom Brankin, Damen Castillo, Nathan Tuskan, Bradley Spellings, Alex Pulleyblank

"Favorite memory was coming back from a double digit deficit in the fourth quarter to Lake Central and winning by double digits."

**Alex Pulleyblank (10)**



Head Coach: Tom Brankin





## VARSITY BASKETBALL



Head Coach: Jordan Heckard

**Row 1:** Issac Sytsma, Joshua Gunderson, Darnell Harwood, Bradley Reynolds **Row 2:** Tyler Scheidt, Zachary Petraitis, Dakota Wallace, Michael Kerber, Tyler Brankin **Row 3:** Coach Tom Brankin, Coach Jordan Heckard, Coach Tom Reynolds, Nicholis Thompson



"The Hobart pregame in the locker room was by far the best memory of the season. It really got us pumped up for the game"

**Joshua Gunderson (11)**

## C-TEAM GIRLS BASKETBALL



Head Coach: Brittany Dowd



"The best memory of this season was beating Munster the second time we played them with two seconds left in the game."

**Lindsey Wilson (10)**

## JV GIRLS BASKETBALL



Head Coach: Tylissa Fulgham



**Row 1:** Jacey Bertalan, Mackenzie Pickens, Rachel Russell, **Row 2:** Meaghan Hillier, Olivia Casiano, Artasia James, Jamie Gessler **Row 3:** Coach Tylissa Fulgham, Michaela Schmidt, Nicole Strode, Morgan Rinkema, Keelie Gragido

"I dreaded playing post for our team because I had to guard people that were a lot taller on me, but I'm glad that Coach trusted me to fulfill the responsibility."

**Meaghan Hillier (10)**

## VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL



Head Coach: Tracie Mezera



**Row 1:** Nicholas Steele (mgr.), Jennifer Sheehan, Olivia Casiano, Jenna Turpin (mgr.) **Row 2:** Eleanor Morinville, Rachel Russell, Wilore Piguing, Danielle Fowler, Morgan Pickens **Row 3:** Brittany Raab, Michaela Schmidt, Taylor Steele, Morgan Rinkema, Keelie Gragido, Kassidy Morinville **Row 5:** Coach Brittany Dowd, Coach Tracie Mezera, Coach Nicole Bergman, Coach Tylissa Fulgham, Volunteer Coach Joseph Fraley

"My favorite memory of this season was being a senior and working with the team, and being the leader that my team needed me to be."

**Wilore Piguing (12)**



**Row 1:** Edward Pedroza, DJ Mendoza, Logan Juran, Daniel Piech, Scott Stange, Clayton Whiting, Joshua Almazan, Andrew Vassar **Row 2:** Aaron Sytsma, Hunter Reilly, William Lengel, Ethan Churilla, Alexander Melby, Estevan Ramirez **Row 3:** Coach Cheryl Fleming, Coach Natalie Rohling, Coach Nick Castillo, Kyle Polster, Griffin Grider, Zachary Kochvar, Michael Gilmore, Vicente Ayon

"The team as a whole is a really hard working group and everyone has great inspiration and it rubbed off on me, which made us as a great team as a whole."



**Edward Pedroza (10)**

## BOYS SWIMMING & DIVE



Head Coach: Nick Castillo

## GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVE

**Row 1:** Paige Stange, Marissa Moore, Reilly Panozzo, Grace Miedema, Hanna Graves, Riley Henry **Row 2:** Maulie Lewandowski, Abigail White, Katherine Krick, Skylar Zurek, Carlyn Stone, Morgan Rose **Row 3:** Coach Cheryl Fleming, Coach Nick Castillo, Coach Natalie Rohling, Emma LaBounty, Kenna Crowel, Nicole Czarnecki

"The pain that I felt during swimming I had remember that it would be my strength for the next day and that I couldn't just give up."



**Riley Henry (10)**



Head Coach: Nick Castillo

## WRESTLING

**Row 1:** Benjamin Cruz, Austin Wheeler, Christopher Houk, Mohammed Issa, Andrew Brandon, Jayson Stevens, Joseph Weir, Jacob Hirschak, Dominic Miceli **Row 2:** Anfernee Perez-Aquino, Michael Leneave, Xavier Avila, Zachary Bodnar, Ramiro Escamilla, Elias Covarrubias, Eric Larkin, Adam Castillo, Richard Benda, Ryan McKnight **Row 3:** Tyler Woods, Andrew Sharp, Raul Mendoza, Bryan Barajas, Kyle Foster, Joshua Bennett, Seth Leon, Andrew Kinley, Xavier Garcia, Curtis Gibson **Row 4:** Assistant Coach Douglas Robbins, Coach Christopher Kricinc, Volunteer Coach Mr. John Miceli

"We were taught that life is to short to not take any risks. If I learned to take risks during wrestling I would go far."



**Dominic Miceli (12)**



Head Coach: Chris Kricinc

## FRESHMAN BASEBALL

**Row 1:** Meet Patel, Nolan Rhyne, Nathan Matthews, Justin Stewart **Row 2:** Alex Dickey, Thomas Crowel, Jordan Siska, Steven Niemann **Row 3:** Armando Salinas, Dimitri Ivetic, Tyler Scheidt, Gavin Holder, Coach David Bedka

"My favorite memory was when I got a stand up double against Munster to tie the game."



**Gavin Holder (9)**



Head Coach: David Bedka



## JV BASEBALL



Head Coach: Aaron Bugajski

**Row 1:** Mark DeLeon, Raul Maldonado, Brian Burbridge, Clayton Whiting, Steven Fowler, Matthew Domagalski **Row 2:** Coach Matthew Bugajski, Samuel Carpenter, Frank Vargas, Andrew Vassar, Anthony Magallon, Collin Kinley, Volunteer Coach David Cotner **Row 3:** Corey Kijurna, Tyler Brankin, Casey Austin, Bradley Spellings, Matthew Cotner, Nathan Tuskan



"My favorite memory of this season was winning six games in a row in only six days."

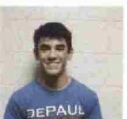
**Raul Maldonado (10)**

## VARSITY BASEBALL



Head Coach: John Bogner

**Row 1:** Angel Vaquera, Sullivan Stickann, Arick Casiano, David Long, Anthony Gibson, Matthew Domagalski **Row 2:** Trevor O'Donnell, Brandon Burbridge, Assistant Coach Aaron Bugajski, Coach John Bogner, Volunteer Coach Bryan Gordon, Christopher Manyek, Jack Holl **Row 3:** Austin Svihlik, Andrew Vassar, Patrick Manyek, Andrew Kinley, William Polen, Nicholas Anderson, Damen Castillo, Jordan Petty



"I had the coldest baseball game that I have ever played in. It was also my first baseball game I've ever played in while it was snowing and hailing. We still got the "W" in the end, so it was pretty sweet."

**Arick Casiano (10)**

## BOYS GOLF



Head Coach: Dan Richardson

**Row 1:** Joshua Krull, Frederick Kepler, Alexander Fitt, Jayson Stevens, Nicholas Lewandowski, Coach Daniel Richardson **Row 2:** Kylie Richardson (mgr.), Kodie Wilson, Hunter Houchin, Mason Gluth, Kolin Palmer, James Jamroz, Harrison Bronisz, Robert Patterson, Karli Byrd (mgr.)



"My favorite memory in the season were the team dinners on Fridays and the dodgeball team, "Who's your Caddy" team."

**Alex Fitt (11)**

## VARSITY SOFTBALL



Head Coach: Sarah Funston

**Row 1:** Ariel Ruiz (mgr.), Claudia Zacarias (mgr.), Miranda Menzyk, Danielle Fowler, Bailey Whitehead, Destiny Rodriguez (mgr.) **Row 2:** Jennifer Sheehan, Lindsey Norton, Jamie Gessler, Sydni Gizynski, Courtney Morton, Grace Elrod, Jacey Bertalan **Row 3:** Sarah Elrod, Elizabeth Hoffman, Kiley Elbaor, Alyssa Kammer, Brittany Raab, Lilliana Avina, Morgan Rinkema, Coach Meredith Cioffi



"My favorite memory was when I hit two home run this season."

**Jacey Bertalan (10)**



**Row 1:** Felicity Plant, Jordyn Dooley, Aislinn Cichon, Heaven Phillips, Molly Cox  
**Row 2:** Nicole Czarnecki, Sarah Elrod, Destiny Ruiz, Carley Ramirez, Kaitlyn Pecoski, Angelica Avina  
**Row 3:** Coach Jessica Brannagan, Morgan Rinkema, Sarah Munsie, Alyssa Kammer, Cecilla Silva, Summer Baxter, Coach Angelica Richwalski

"My favorite memory of JV softball was when I hit my first home run of my high school career against Hobart."

**Sarah Elrod (10)**



Head Coach: Sarah Funston

## BOYS TRACK

**Row 1:** Logan Andreatta, Tristian Celmer, Kaiden Smolar, Vincent Bovino, Xavier Avila, Jonah Aifuwa, Ryan McKnight, Donald Toweson, Tyler Tanis, Rafael Rios, Jacob Korch, Eric Alegre  
**Row 2:** Misael Contreras, David Walker, Anthony Caraballo, Mark Alvarado, Daniel Drake, Joshua Mulligan, Jack Mulligan, Logan Theisen, Elias Covarrubias, Shawn Rogers, David Hause, Dolante Echols, Nicolas Hernandez  
**Row 3:** Estevan Ramirez, Kyle Brown, Andrew Carstensen, Edward Pedroza, Jacob Steele, Joseph Silva, Gabriel Mondragon, Tyler Woods, Michael Kristy, Tristen Comer, Cristian Chavez  
**Row 4:** Coach Corey Bailey, David LaCour, Austin Guerra, David Hoffman, Douglas Brandon, Trent Slaven, Cristian Zendejas, Matthew Roach, David Hoffman, Maximilian Tank, Evan Hillier, Curtis Gibson, Gannon Grider

"We are working hard each and everyday, we are learning how to work together as a team and how to lift each other up"

**David LaCour (12)**



Head Coach: Corey Bailey

## GIRLS TRACK

**Row 1:** Briana Moreno, Ciera Lee, Monique Valdez, Morgan Koble, Marie Tirado, Natalie Szabo, Madelyn Smigla, Wendolin Mata  
**Row 2:** Kathryn Covault, Elisha Maticcik, Meaghan Hillier, Kimberly Betustak, Abigail Flegley, Jordan Rhoten, Lauren Urevig, Leah Clark, Marley Salinas, Skylar Guffey  
**Row 3:** Lauren Toth, Zoie Ison, Tiffani Almeda, Kristen Toth, Madeline Revercomb, Reilly Panozzo, Christine Anderson, Mykenzie Avila, Brittney Nichols, Yasmeen Fontanez, Moriah McCormick  
**Row 4:** Coach Siobhan Sullivan, Morgan Vaclavik, Kayla Polen, Alexandria Hernandez, Michaela Schmidt, Sierra Hinkel, Kodi Heston, Mia Kinley, Desirae Mueller, AnnaBelle Rivera, Chloe Rivera, Coach Heather Oaks

"I didn't let the fear of failing prevent you from flying to set the record for pole vault."

**Elisha Maticcik (11)**



Head Coach: Siobhan Sullivan

## GIRLS TENNIS

**Row 1:** Rhaven Richardson, Brittany Brzek, Lauren Frick, Morgan Salazar, LaDeja Gamble  
**Row 2:** Kenna Crowel, Gloria Linkiewicz, Sara Gordon, Jozlyn Velazquez, Megan McCarty, Erica Felix  
**Row 3:** Coach Terry Steenson, Danielle Hernandez, Keyanna Liptak, Madison Correy, Olivia Casiano, Kathleen Doolittle, Nicole Magiera, Katelyn Bedka

"During a match, my friend tripped on her own feet and whipped out in the middle of a game. She wasn't embarrassed, we all laughed about it."

**Madison Correy (9)**



Head Coach: Terry Steenson





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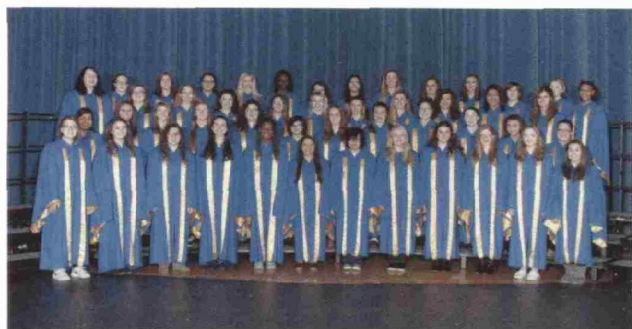




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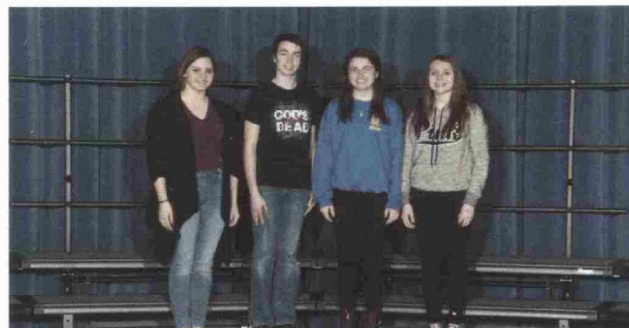
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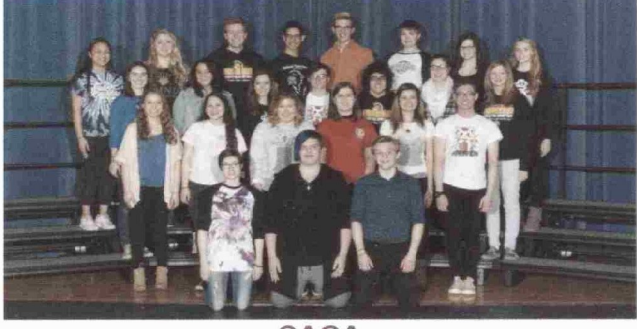
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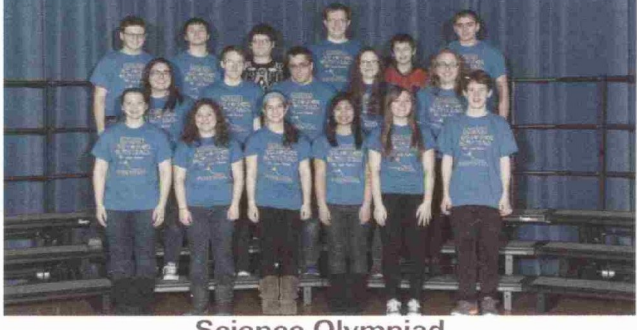
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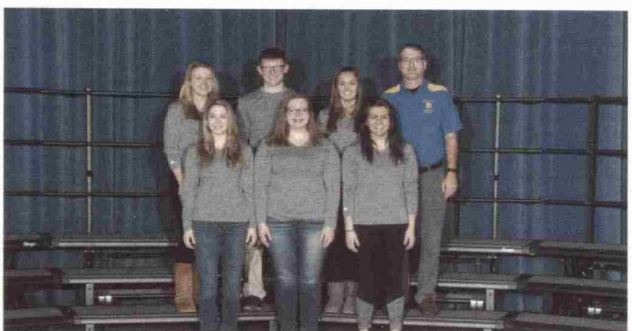
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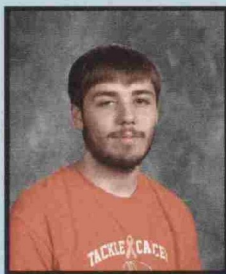
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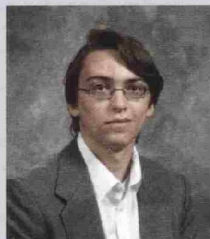
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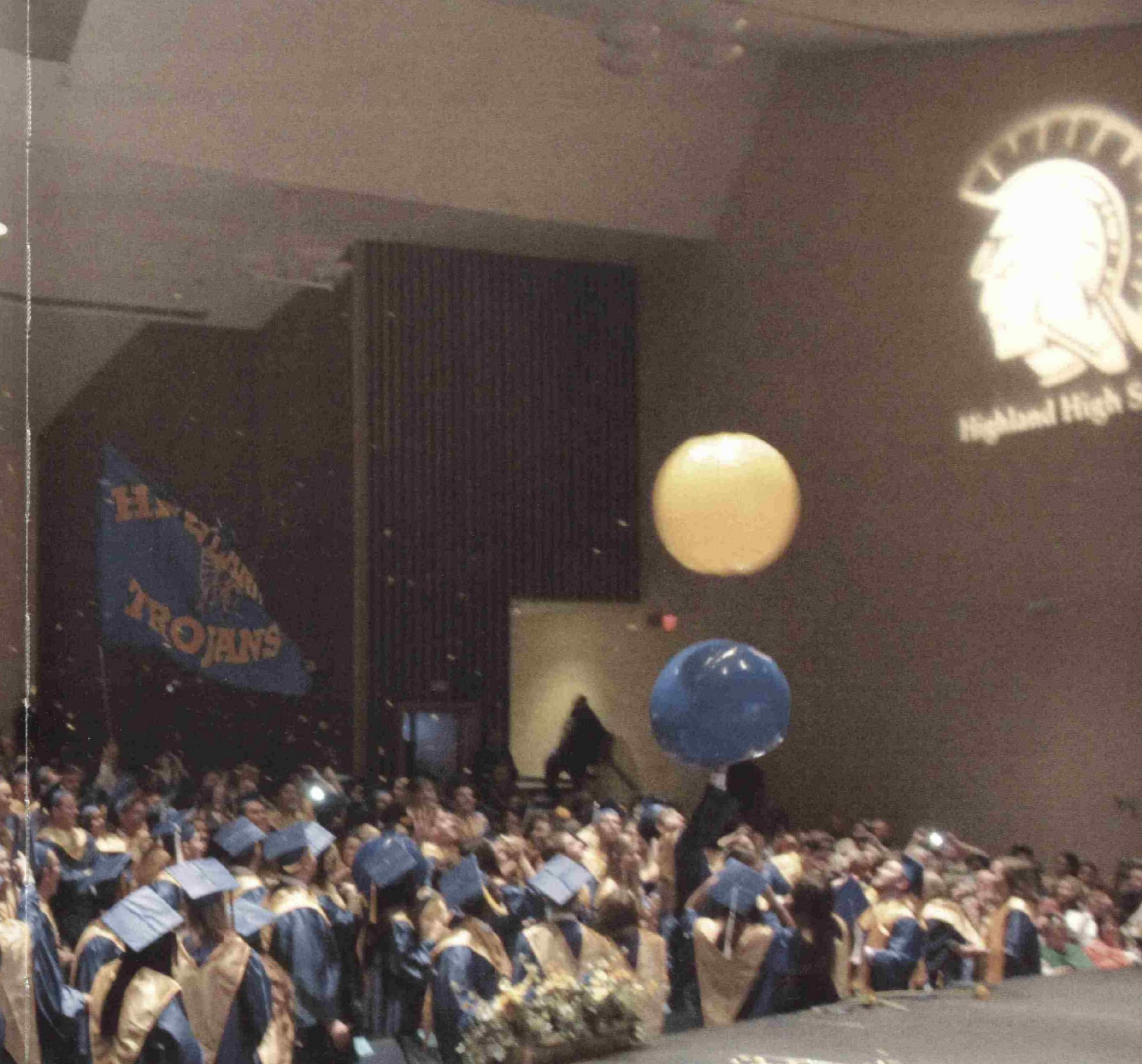
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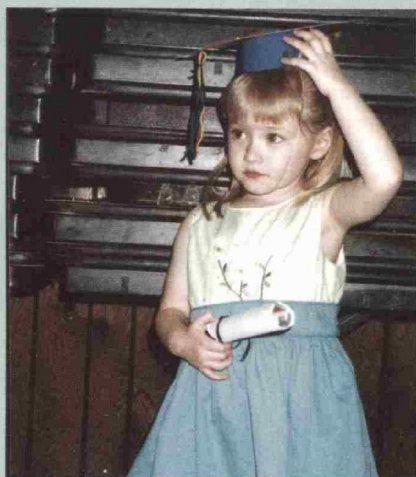
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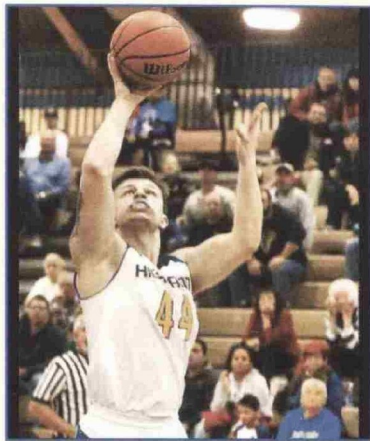
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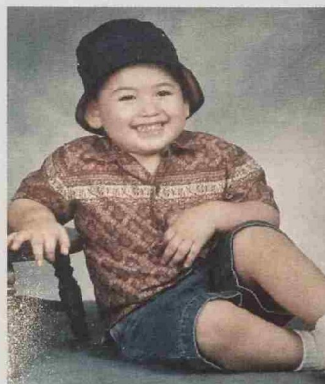
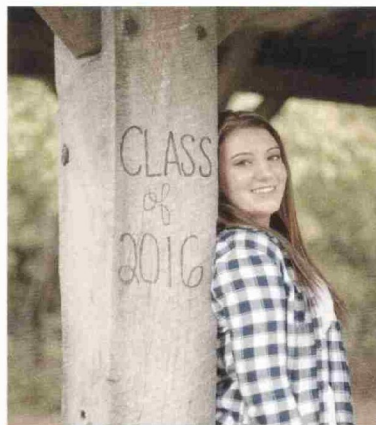
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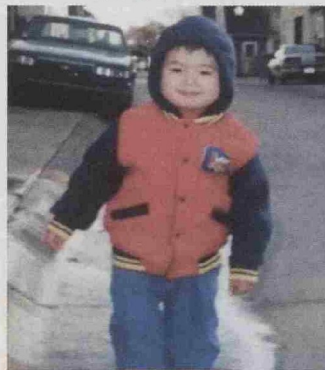


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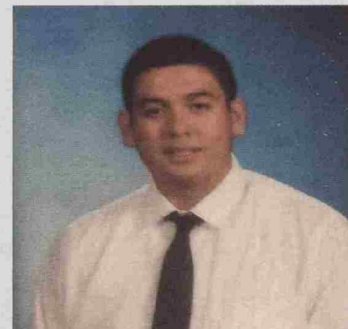


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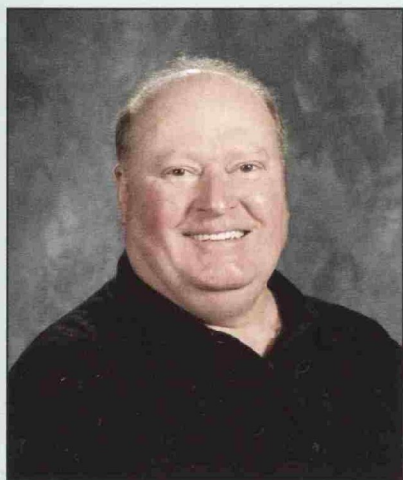


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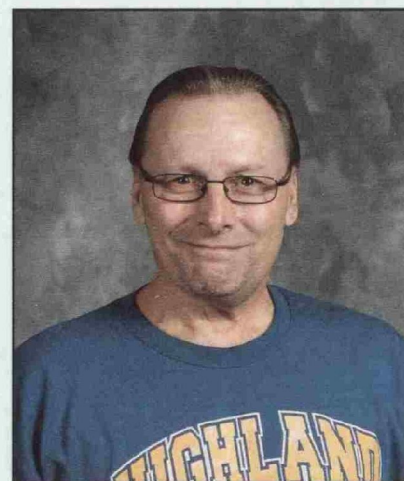


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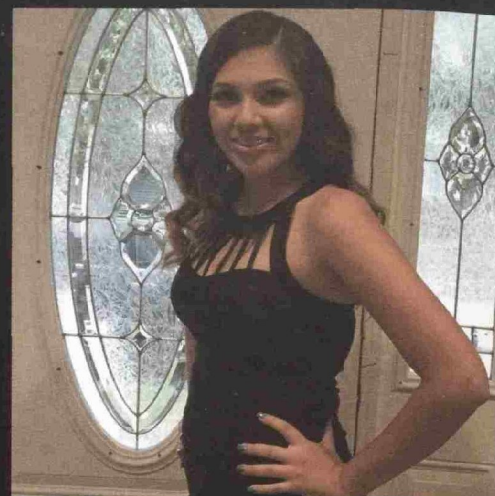
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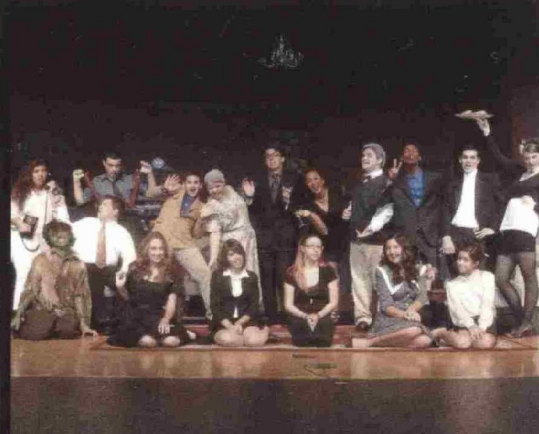
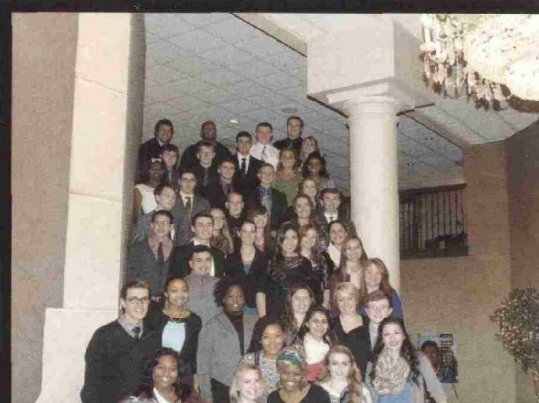
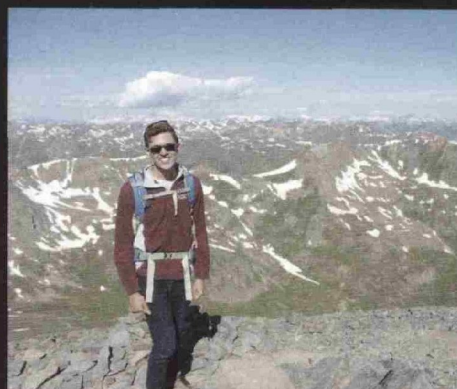
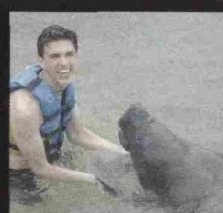


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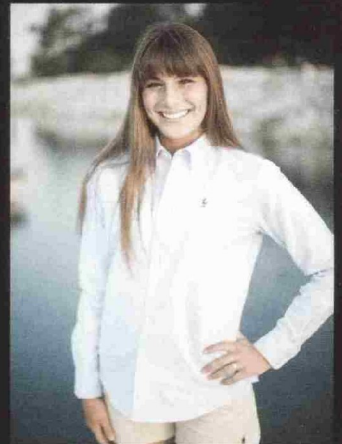
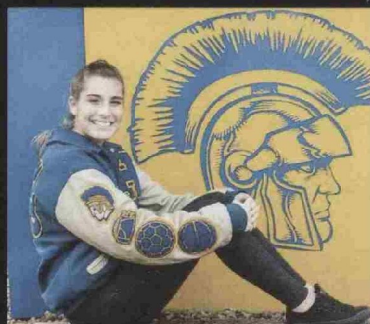
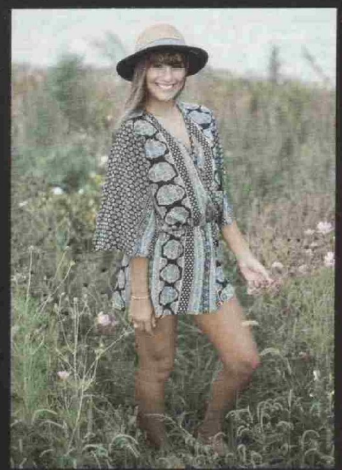
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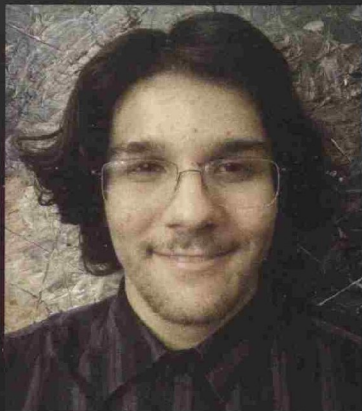
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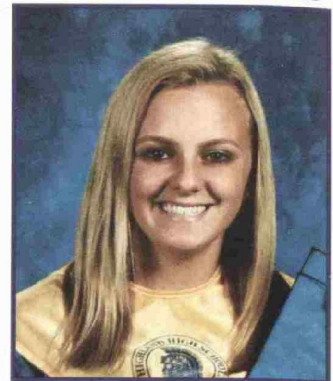


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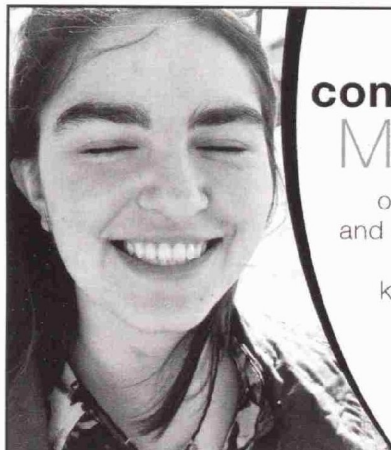
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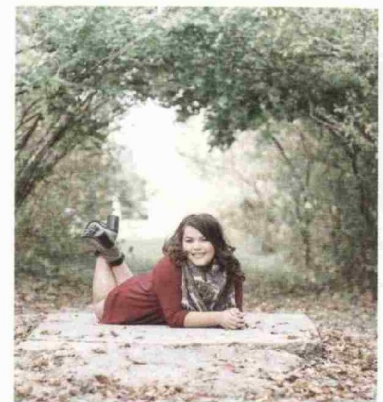
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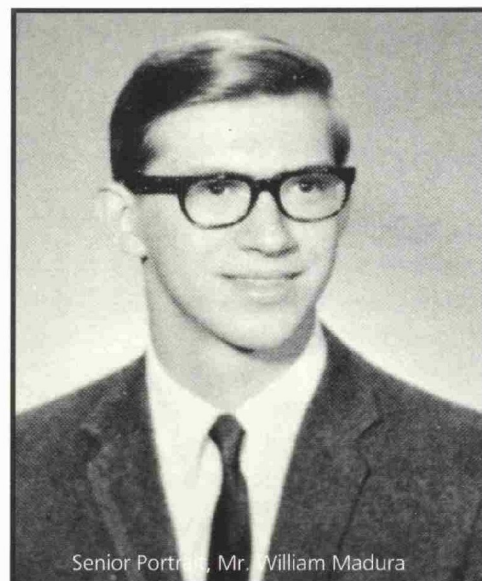
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# Mr. William Madura

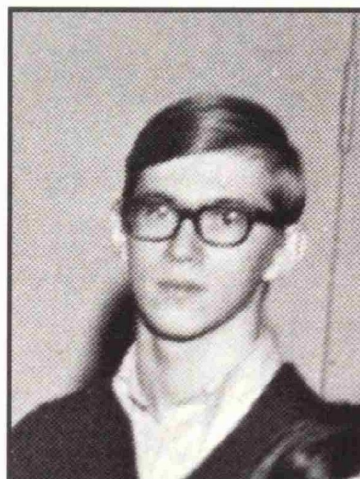
It all started back in 1966: it was his sophomore year, and he was officially a Highland Trojan. During his three years at Highland High School, Mr. William Madura was involved in Sign Painters Club, History Club, Drama Club, German Club, Social Club, Key Club, Science Club and Future Teachers of America (FTA). One of his favorite memories included running to the school on Christmas morning to watch part of the school burn down. He finished his senior year by sitting in a class in the middle of the hallway because many classes were displaced because of the fire. He also has vivid memories of friendships, activities and a love of teaching that developed throughout his opportunities he was afforded while attending HHS. After fall 1969 directed him south for four years of post secondary education at Indiana University Bloomington, he then returned to the School Town of Highland, but this time as a teacher where Mr. Madura has spent 42 years employed. During his time, he has taught art classes at each school within the School Town and was named Assistant Principal in fall of 1996. Many pep rallies, banquets, graduations and other events have been planned with his party planning skills. Known as Mad Dog Madura, he has supervised countless athletic events and dances. To sum up his career in a few words is difficult for anyone to do, but what will be more difficult will be adjusting to life at Highland High School without him. Just as his candy jar will be missed, so will his presence. His fun and loving personality was never diminished by his focus on education. Even though Mr. William Madura will lock his office and walk out the door one more time, his legacy will forever remain with the School Town of Highland.



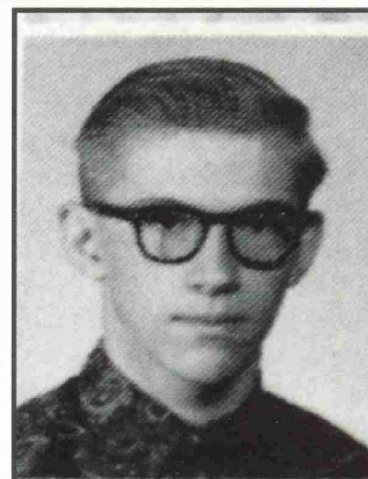
Senior Portrait, Mr. William Madura



Cadet Teacher, Mr. William Madura, during his senior year.



1968-1969 Sign Painters Photo



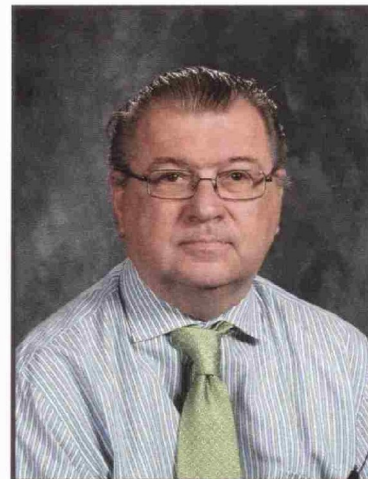
1966-1967 Sophomore Year



Key Club 1966-1967



1996-1997  
First Year as Assistant Principal



2015-2016 Assistant Principal;  
Final School Portrait



Appreciation Award presented to Mr. William Madura April 22, 2016.

*Best wishes on your  
retirement,  
Mr. William Madura!*



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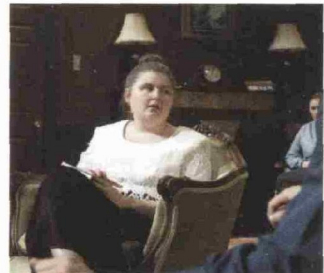
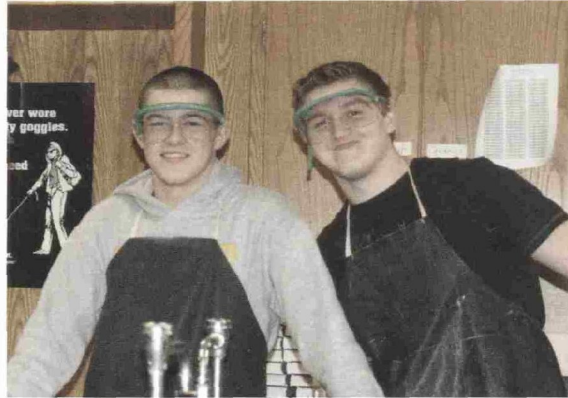
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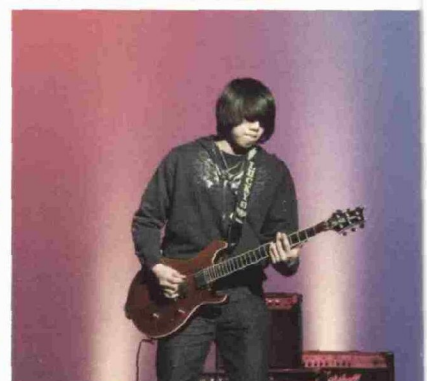
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No matter the place, classroom, lab, field or stage, our students had fun in their endeavors throughout the 2015-16 school year. As you look back on the memories that were taken in, it is guaranteed to bring a smile on your face now, or thirty years from now. No matter where you go in life, be sure to Take It All IN.



**Photography Practice** Yearbook staffers headed out for a photo opportunity of a double rainbow that shot across our campus. Photo Credit: Tyler Potesta **Career Education** Accessing different tools was a daily process in Welding for Itzel Mata. Photo Credit: Zainab Suboh **Talent Show** Maxwell Chanthayvong (9) took lessons to learn the basics of guitar. Photo Provided by Inter State **Passion for Photos** A full moon on Christmas was photographed by Madison Owens (12). Photo Provided by Madison Owens





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